

opinion she was an extremely intelligent girl who was well educated and it was furthermore my impression that she was 'worldly' in that she had a great amount of sophistication and did not in the slightest appear to be naive. It further appeared to me that she spoke freely to me of her most personal matters concerning her operation above referred to and her general relations with men and as a result of this I received the impression that she was what I would consider a 'fast girl'. In this connection I mean that she had discussed frankly with me going out with many men and I had the distinct impression she had had relations with several of them. As she was quite free in discussing the most intimate details of her personal life with me though we had been acquainted but a short time, I was of the impression that she was a very adventurous type.

"I would describe her sympathies as being those of a 'New Deal Liberal' although I cannot recall any specific matters which we discussed along these lines. On no occasion did I receive the impression that she was interested in or sympathetic to Communism or the Communist Party or its ideologies. For this reason I do not believe she would be an idealist, Communist Party member or follower but feel that if she is involved or was involved in the Communist Party for espionage matters it would be through a personal reason; that is, a love affair with some man. It is my recollection that she was making a good salary in her work and I do not recall that she was pressed for money nor is it my recollection that she lived beyond her means. It is my belief, though this is pure conjecture, that if she is involved in espionage matters as has been alleged, that her involvement was caused through a love affair with some man; for example, one she may have met in Paris who by one means or another induced her to engage in this type of activity.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and the previous two pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dora Sander  
4206 Kaywood Dr.  
Mt. Rainier, Md."

Charles W. Peasinger  
Special Agent, F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C., 3/8/49

Robert L. Smeltzer  
Special Agent, F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C. 3/8/49

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EMIL ST. ELMO SCHNELLBACHER  
Employed, Department of Commerce

Mr. EMIL ST. ELMO SCHNELLBACHER, 4540 Waring Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., was interviewed on March 9, 1949, by Special Agents Harold W. Brueggeman and William V. Slevin.

Mr. SCHNELLBACHER is Director, Special Services and Intelligence Branch, Department of Commerce. He advised that he is not acquainted with JUDITH COPLON, that he has never seen her, that he never talked to her over the telephone, and that he never heard of her prior to the publicity she has received during the past week. Mr. SCHNELLBACHER advised that his office compiles information regarding United States Representatives of Foreign Commercial Firms. He said that they attempt to obtain information on all persons in the United States who represent any foreign commercial travel interest and that such information is available to any American businessman who may desire the information, and is available to the general public. He advised that it is very possible that she may have contacted other employees in his office to obtain information similar to the above.

He said that because of her association with the Department of Justice there would be no reason for any member of his staff to withhold any of the information available to them from Miss COPLON.

The following information was obtained from Mr. SCHNELLBACHER's personnel file with the Department of Commerce:

He was born December 18, 1901 at Quincy, Illinois. He attended the University of Illinois receiving a degree, A. B. in 1923. He attended the Georgetown University College of Law, Washington, D. C. in 1924. He entered on duty with the Department of Commerce, June 24, 1924 and has been in their employ since that time.

At the time of his employment by the Department of Commerce, he listed his closest relative as his father, CHARLES SCHNELLBACHER, Sr., 720 Van Buren Street, Quincy, Illinois. Mr. SCHNELLBACHER's wife, MARY ELIZABETH HOLT SCHNELLBACHER was born on May 31, 1905 at Burlington, North Carolina.

[REDACTED]  
Attorney, Appellate Division  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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The following is a signed statement furnished by the above listed individual when re-interviewed concerning this matter:

Washington, D. C.  
March 22, 1949

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents Ludwig W. R. Oberndorf and H. Dudley Payne, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after having been told that I do not have to make any such statement and that this statement may be used against me in a Court of Law.

"On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1948, I first had intercourse with Judith Coplon in the apartment of a friend of mine in Washington, D. C. I decline to name this friend as he does not know Judith Coplon and never met her socially I know. He was out of the city on this particular occasion. Shortly thereafter, in the early part of January 1949, Judith and I drove to Baltimore, Maryland, in my car after work one Friday. I don't recall definitely who suggested this trip but I presume it was I. In Baltimore we stayed at the Southern Hotel where I registered for Judith and myself as [redacted] of East Hartford, Connecticut. We spent the night together in the hotel room.

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"On the following day we checked out of the Southern Hotel and drove to Philadelphia where we stayed overnight at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. I also registered at this hotel as [redacted]. On the following afternoon, Sunday, we returned in my automobile to Washington.

"Subsequent to the trip to Baltimore and Philadelphia I have had sexual relations with Judith Coplon in my apartment, [redacted] on numerous occasions. The above referred to trip to Baltimore and Philadelphia is the only occasion when I have had sexual relations with Judith outside Washington, D. C.

"s/ [redacted]

Witnesses: H. Dudley Payne, Special Agent, FBI  
Ludwig W. R. Oberndorf, Special Agent, FBI.

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Anti-Trust Division  
 Department of Justice  
 Room 301, Hutchins Building  
 Washington, D. C.

[redacted] was interviewed in the Washington Field Office on Wednesday, March 9, 1949, by Special Agent Edward F. Hummer and stated that she first became acquainted with JUDITH COPLON when she, [redacted] was sent to the New York Office of the Antitrust Division and COPLON was present in the office in New York when [redacted] arrived. However, COPLON was a relatively new employee at the time, being part of a Barnard College group of five or six girls who were employed at the same time. [redacted] advised that the subject's closest friends in the New York Office of the Antitrust Division were SHIRLEY ARANOW now married to a physician in New York City, [redacted] all three of whom were Barnard College girls, and SARAH BECKER. [redacted] stated she never met the subject's family and does not know of her outside activities.

She had lunch with the subject many times in Washington, D. C. but never in New York. [redacted] advised that a friend of hers, namely, A. PATRICIA BRADY, had an apartment at 2634 Tunlaw Road, N. W. and who was leaving to go overseas. She, [redacted] introduced subject to PATRICIA BRADY with the result that the subject bought BRADY's furniture and moved into her apartment. As a result, [redacted] stated the subject was very grateful to her for securing an apartment and invited [redacted] and her husband over for dinner. There were no other guests. As far as [redacted] can recollect, this was the only occasion she visited the subject at the Tunlaw address. [redacted] stated that she had mutual friends in Washington which she named as SARAH BECKER, A. HARRY BECKER, and his wife. [redacted] also stated that the subject was well acquainted with one [redacted] who was JOSEPH BORKIN's secretary in the Antitrust Division. [redacted] has a [redacted] known as DODY HEBARD, who is secretary to Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO. [redacted] advised that Miss COPLON knew both [redacted] and DODY very well. [redacted] advised that she never visited the subject in her McLean Gardens Apartment. Subject has often mentioned to her having dates but according to [redacted] seldom mentioned the names of her dates. Concerning her family, [redacted] advised that the subject has a brother, BERTRAM COPLON, who married a girl whose first name is SHIRLEY and who

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want to Cornell with her, [ ] was also aware that the subject's father was sick and COPLON recently advised her that the family purchased a television set for her father's entertainment.

Concerning meetings in Washington with the subject, [ ] stated that they varied; sometimes two or more times a week for lunch and then again she would not see the subject for approximately three or four weeks. She last saw the subject on Thursday, March 3rd, the day before the subject was arrested in New York, at which time [ ] stated she ran into the subject in a bakery store on Pennsylvania and 9th Street, and the only conversation concerned a statement that COPLON would call [ ] for lunch sometime the next week. On this occasion [ ] noted no difference in subject's appearance and there was no worried expression on her face.

Concerning her boyfriends, [ ] advised that she heard that HAROLD SHAPIRO was rushing COPLON although COPLON never mentioned SHAPIRO to her. [ ] claims not to know of any other boyfriends of COPLON.

Concerning the incident in question, namely the disclosing of confidential information to outside sources, [ ] stated that she cannot account for it and knows no motive for it on the part of COPLON; that COPLON was very easy to get along with and that she, [ ] can't believe that COPLON is interested in Communism or is sympathetic towards Communism or Russia; that COPLON at no time showed any personal grudge against society or against the United States; that the subject never lived beyond her means and never borrowed money and that she had no outside pressing financial obligations as she never supported her family financially. On the other hand, [ ] stated that to her knowledge the subject had no outside income. She wore good clothes, moderate in cost and was interested in modern dancing. [ ] advised she considered herself a friend to the subject but never a real close friend. She was close enough, however, that the subject confided in her concerning her female troubles which necessitated hospitalization. [ ] advised that the subject was in Garfield Hospital on one occasion although she never visited her there, and may have been in Emergency Hospital on another occasion.

Concerning her European trip, [ ] advised that the subject had mentioned it before, stating that her mother was opposed to her making the trip. However, the subject stated that she had the time

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off to make the trip and decided to go. [ ] stated she received no letters or cards from the subject and received no gift from her upon her return. [ ] has no idea as to the cost of this travel but presumes that the purpose was for a vacation and the money probably came from the subject's savings account. Concerning her ability to save a large sum of money to make a trip which other witnesses have described as costing approximately \$2,000, [ ] advised that while employed in New York City for the Department of Justice, subject lived at home with her parents and presumably was in a position to save a substantial part of her salary.

Concerning her character, [ ] advised that she did not think subject could be approached without disclosing the approach to the proper authorities. Further, that she did not think subject could be compromised or blackmailed into disclosing confidential information. Concerning the ideological basis or motive on the part of the subject, [ ] advised that the subject never discussed politics with her and accordingly she is not in a position to describe subject's views concerning such topics as the Marshall Plan, Aid to Greece, Turkey and China, the Berlin Blockade, Universal Military Training and other subjects which the Communist viewpoint is diametrically opposed to U. S. foreign policy. Subject never discussed the loyalty program with [ ] and never expressed any feeling of being involved in a loyalty program. [ ] advised that the subject of conversation mostly pertained to clothes. During the past year, namely 1948, [ ] has met the subject at various times which ranged from three or four times a month to only once a month.

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Concerning subject's trip to New York, [ ] advised that she was aware that subject went to New York often but this knowledge mainly was hearsay and came from subject's friends, namely, BERNICE SHAMOWITZ and SARAH BECKER, the latter two of which only last week mentioned subject was going to New York and also mentioned the fact that the subject had been in New York approximately a week or ten days previously. Further, that the subject had talked to [ ] about either going to New York or just having gone to New York. On one occasion subject said she wanted to look for a job in New York City.

[ ] stated she had no knowledge that the subject ever took home files from the Department of Justice to work on them at her apartment. Further, that subject never asked her for any information, it being noted that [ ] is an Economist with the Antitrust Division and on one occasion Miss COPLON asked [ ] how to go about

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Concerning subject's future status of whether she decided to get married and settle down or continue in the Government in a career, [ ] advised that the subject wanted to get married but mentioned about going to American University and George Washington University Law School. She also talked about writing a thesis at Columbia University Library, taking the summer off to do this. [ ] did not know the subject of her thesis.

[ ] did not know of any love affair with anyone at United Nations on the part of subject and stated that she would rule out any thought that subject was motivated by a love affair with GUBITCHEV. [ ] was asked why the subject desired to live alone and whether her desire to live alone was motivated by the fact that the subject did not want any other person to know of her typing confidential reports for outside sources and [ ] advised that she assumed that the subject preferred to live alone and on one occasion subject told [ ] she did not like to have male company in her apartment. As far as she knew, the subject's moral reputation was good. However, [ ] advised that the subject sought out the company of other girls to attend concerts and go places because she told SARAH BECKER that she did not like the idea of going places alone. However, [ ] advised that the subject never sought a roommate or to room with anyone else.

Concerning her character further, [ ] advised the subject was never sour on the world, was attractive and not repulsive. In fact, [ ] advised she never suspected the subject at all and if it is true that she is involved in this matter then she stated the subject certainly was a good actress. [ ] advised the subject was not religiously inclined and never attended to her religious obligations. In fact, subject never discussed religion and therefore [ ] does not know whether the subject is either an atheist or an agnostic.

[ ] advised that the subject has kept up her Barnard College acquaintances as she recalls that subject has purchased wedding gifts for some of them. [ ] was positive the subject did not spend her entire salary on clothes for herself, stating the subject received many clothes from her sister-in-law and she was always dressed well.

[ ] could furnish absolutely no information regarding the motive for the subject doing what she did.

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Concerning her own background, [redacted] advised that her maiden name was [redacted] and she was born [redacted] at Brooklyn, New York. Her father, [redacted] was born in Brooklyn as was her mother, [redacted]. She has a sister, [redacted] who now resides in New Rochelle, New York. As to her educational background, [redacted] advised she received her B. A. Degree in 1939 from Cornell University and attended Bryn Mawr from 1939 to 1940, receiving her Masters Degree from there in 1941. She majored in Economics. As to her prior employment, [redacted] advised that immediately following her receiving a Masters Degree she was employed by the Civil Service Commission from May, 1941, until September, 1941, transferring to the Office of Price Administration at that time where she was employed until January, 1942. On January, 1942, she entered on duty with the Department of Justice and has been employed there ever since. Her husband is [redacted] a dentist who is presently interning in oral surgery at Emergency Hospital before entering into private practice.

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Washington, D. C.

[redacted] was interviewed on March 8, 1949, by Special Agents EDWARD F. HUMMER and ROBERT K. McQUEEN.

[redacted] stated that she first met JUDITH COPLON in October 1947 when she was employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice. She was at that time a stenographer and occasionally took dictation from COPLON from October 1947 to July 1948 when she terminated her employment with the Justice Department. She said, however, that the majority of the work was copy work and she assisted COPLON only as a member of the stenographic pool.

With regard to COPLON's friends and contacts within the Department, she said that the subject's particular friend appeared to be [redacted] but that she was friendly with NATHAN LENVIN and [redacted]. According to [redacted] however, the subject was friendly with everyone in the section with one exception which will be set forth below.

With regard to the subject's outside activities, [redacted] assumed from the subject's conversation that she saw [redacted] and his wife after hours and perhaps SYDNEY BRODIE. [redacted] however, knew of no other outside associations.

With regard to the subject's work, the interviewee did not know if the subject took work home but stated she was always carrying something with her, the nature of which [redacted] did not know. [redacted] did not think that it was necessary to take work home and said that if there was an overload of work it was the custom to work overtime rather than to take material home.

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As to political activity of the subject, [redacted] has never noticed any Soviet or Communist sympathies on the part of the subject. She said that when she worked with COPLON the latter handled the French nationality. She did not remember that she had ever discussed controversial subjects, such as the Marshall Plan, the universal military training program, the Berlin blockade, the loyalty program or similar subjects wherein the Communist viewpoint is diametrically opposed to American policy, with subject nor did she know if COPLON belonged to any organizations.

With regard to subject's finances, [redacted] did not know of any outside support which the subject may have received. She said she did not think subject lived beyond her means although she had never discussed finances with her. She said she dressed plainly and did not believe that subject supported relatives nor had she borrowed money from anyone in the section to her knowledge.

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With regard to the subject's trip to Europe, [ ] only knew she was going and received a postcard from the subject which she believes was sent from Paris, France.

[ ] knew of no relatives of subject in Europe or behind the iron curtain.

As to her moral reputation, [ ] thought it was good. She considered her of high character and does not believe that she could be bribed or blackmailed. She said that the subject was very likable although she had a temper and could be very stubborn on occasions. She said that the subject did not get along with Miss RUTH LONGLEY in the FAR Section and believes that the latter resented COPLON's having such a good job at such an early age.

[ ] considered COPLON to be a typical American girl. She did not know who her boy friends were although she assumes that she had some. Her main interest at this time, according to [ ] was her schooling.

[ ] does not think that the subject is religious and can not recall that she observed her religious obligations by keeping high holidays and other days which the Jewish faith celebrates. She had never heard her speak of religion.

[ ] stated that the subject's trips to New York appeared to be of no regularity although she believes subject went two or three times a month and the purpose of her visits was to see her parents. With regard to the subject's hospitalization she said that the subject would not tell anyone what it was for but as she recalls, it turned out to be an appendectomy. [ ] with other members of the section visited subject at Garfield Hospital.

According to [ ] the subject liked music but her studies were her primary interest. She knew subject was interested in photography and she saw subject's camera on one occasion and remembers it as an ordinary box camera. She did not see a personal typewriter of subject.

With regard to other employment, [ ] stated when reduction was threatened in the Department, subject did apply for several other jobs but does not remember where. She had the opinion, however, that subject was

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primarily tired of working in the section. [ ] thought that the subject made an application for overseas service at that time but does not know under which branch of the government.

[ ] last saw COPLON about three weeks ago when the former had lunch in the Department cafeteria with a friend. She said COPLON looked tired, worn out and nervous and that her mind was apparently not on their conversation. She said she noticed COPLON's taking pills and inquired as to the reason but obtained no response. At that time COPLON asked her if she would type her thesis but [ ] refused due to the pressure of work at her home.

[ ] said that COPLON never did anything in moderation but when she did anything, she did it with full effort. She believes she was ambitious for a career yet was generous, good hearted and emotional. She stated that the subject had a very complex nature, one day being "kiddish" and the next posing some brilliant remark. It was [ ] opinion that COPLON would be the type to break down under any emotional strain.

[ ] did not know if the subject associated with anyone who had a stepmother or stepfather.

She suggested that VAN BUREN SKIPPER, a colored messenger for the Department of Justice, might be interviewed with regard to COPLON. She said that SKIPPER used to wrap things for her, as he did for anyone who asked him, and he might be able to furnish some information.

[ ]  
Student,  
Georgetown Law School  
Washington, D. C.

[ ] was interviewed by Special Agents TOM MENDENHALL and ROBERT SMELTZER on March 25, 1949, and furnished the following information concerning JUDITH COPLON:

He first met her in the summer of 1947 at which time [ ] later his wife, was visiting him in Washington from New York and was staying at the Statler Hotel. [ ] had called JUDITH and invited her to the hotel and during the time the latter was there, the two girls renewed their acquaintance

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and chatted generally. [ ] paid only slight attention to the conversation as he was not acquainted with their mutual school friends and not particularly interested in their reminiscing. Some time after the marriage of the [ ] in October 1947 they visited JUDITH for about two hours at her apartment in Tunlaw Road where again the conversation was general and innocuous.

Approximately two or three months after their marriage they invited JUDITH to their apartment for dinner, which invitation she accepted. On either this occasion or subsequent thereto, [ ] was invited to the [ ] apartment at which time they were entertaining FLOYD GUNTHER, a friend of [ ] and [ ] who was known to [ ] through his employment at the patent office. At the end of the evening [ ] escorted JUDITH home but, according to [ ] did not thereafter see her.

During the Christmas season of 1948, JUDITH again came to dinner at the [ ] this time escorted by a young attorney from the Department of Justice, whose name he could not recall. The man was described partially as 5' 10", dark hair and complexion, about thirty-two years old, 170 pounds. It was not recalled if he wore glasses nor could [ ] state that the individual's name was HAROLD SHAPIRO. [ ]

According to [ ] this was his entire personal acquaintance with JUDITH COPLON, as he had never known her in New York nor had he met her family with the exception of her brother, whom he and [ ] chanced to see with JUDITH at Union Station one evening last spring or summer, at which time they exchanged pleasantries after being introduced by JUDITH.

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[ ] could recall no controversial discussions with JUDITH on world or domestic affairs and attributed this to the fact that she seemed to be of the same political disposition as he and his wife, namely a Liberal, Roosevelt Democrat, pro-labor and convinced of the benefits of health insurance and social security. He never received the impression that JUDITH was sympathetic to Communism or affiliated in any way with the Communist Party nor possessed of any affinity to the Soviet Union or its form of government.

[ ] recalled that JUDITH had discussed generally her European trip, having been fascinated with the beauty of Florence, Italy, and the culture of its people. Nothing was known of any contacts made by her in Europe or of any ulterior motive for her trip other than the natural desire for travel. It was not felt peculiar that she could afford such a trip, for as [ ] noted, JUDITH evidently received a moderately good salary

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and lived within her means; consequently being able to save the money for such a trip. As [ ] stated, [ ] was much better acquainted with JUDITH than was he, but both of them were shocked to read of JUDITH's apprehension for espionage, and could recall no actions or words on her part which would even slightly indicate that she was engaged in the activity with which she is charged.

It was [ ] impression, gained either from conversation with his wife or JUDY, that the latter's main reason for coming to Washington, D. C., had been the natural inclination of a young person to "be on her own" and that although it was not recalled that she was displeased with her position in the Justice Department, [ ] felt that she had wanted to return to New York as she was "tired of Washington".

[ ] did not specifically recall any of JUDITH's trips to New York but felt that it would have been natural for her to have periodically visited her father whom she had mentioned was ill. No friends or associates of COPLON's were known to [ ] either by name or description; however, he stated that subsequent to the publicity of her arrest, he and his wife have spoken with a Miss EDITH STERN, a teacher at the Georgetown University Medical School, and one CONRAD POLEGY (phonetic), now employed in Richmond, Virginia, with the publishing or printing firm of the Berg (or Byrd) Press. These individuals, primarily friends of [ ] had recently visited their apartment and it was revealed that both were acquainted with COPLON. [ ] was of the impression that such acquaintance was formed in grammar school in New York and that they had had no recent contact with her.

[ ] noted his date of birth as [ ] Brooklyn, New York. The additional background and employment information elicited from him coincides substantially with that previously reported and is not being here repeated.

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The following interview of [redacted] was conducted by Special Agents EDWARD F. HUMMER and HOLLIS W. BOWERS on March 25, 1949, beginning at seven o'clock p.m. and ending at eight-fifty p.m.

[redacted] informed that she first became acquainted with JUDITH COPLON when COPLON was thirteen years of age and she was fourteen. They lived in the same neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York, [redacted] living at [redacted] and COPLON living in the 2500 block of Avenue S. [redacted] said they were high school friends at the James Madison High School, Brooklyn, and attended a number of classes together graduating together in 1939. Thereafter, COPLON went to Barnard College and [redacted] attended Brooklyn College.

According to [redacted] she saw COPLON only on week ends after their high school days as COPLON was very busy at college because of her "extra-curricular activities," which consisted of working on college newspapers, as she [redacted] recalled. [redacted] said she didn't know any of COPLON'S Barnard friends with the exception of a girl whose first name was MARCELLA, and who had been mentioned by COPLON. The only mutual friends she could recall were high school friends SELMA RUBINSTEIN nee AUGUST, presently living in Queens and who lived in Brooklyn Heights about one year ago; CISSIE HAIDER nee KLEIN, who lives on Avenue M, Brooklyn, between East Eighteenth and East Nineteenth and AMY STONE, who lived near COPLON on Avenue S.

The only organization [redacted] could recall that COPLON belonged to during their high school days was the "Arista" Honor Society, which is throughout New York City. [redacted] said she didn't know whether COPLON had ever been a member of the American Students Union at Barnard College.

Continuing, [redacted] said she joined the Waves on February 19, 1943, and was assigned to Georgia for training, after which she went to Floyd Bennett Field. While assigned to Bennett Field, she was off duty one night and had a chance meeting with COPLON. [redacted] said she recalls the meeting as she had handled a highly confidential dispatch that day and was very nervous from thinking about the fact she had handled such confidential material and was walking alone at night down a Brooklyn street, together with the fact that a "Nazi" might like the information. It was, thereafter, that she ran into COPLON and both discussed what they were doing without divulging anything to one another. COPLON told her she was working for the government and was handling some very "heavy" work.

[redacted] said she didn't see COPLON again until 1947. This meeting was brought about as a result of seeing someone on the street in New York who said

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COPLON was in Washington. [ ] made the inquiry in view of her impending trip to Washington to see her fiance [ ] said that one year and ten months ago, she came down to Washington to see [ ] and while here phoned COPLON at her Tunlaw Road number and asked her over for cocktails at the Statler where she was staying. She introduced COPLON to her fiance and after cocktails, she and [ ] took her home. [ ] said she had obtained COPLON'S phone number by calling COPLON'S mother. One month later, she again came to Washington, stayed at the Statler for a week and spent one afternoon with COPLON.

[ ] said she married [ ] in October 1947, and came to live in Washington. They lived in several hotels, until they obtained a furnished apartment at [ ] for one month, thereafter, they moved to their present address, [ ]

[ ] said COPLON came to visit her sometime in the Spring of 1948, during which visit, she recalls a discussion about law school and the New York Bar requirements which made attending school and working at the same time too difficult. [ ] said she didn't know that COPLON had ever attended the American University.

[ ] recalled that she and her husband were out walking one day in the vicinity of Union Station and had gone into the station looking for a soda bar where they ran into COPLON and her brother, BERTRAM. COPLON BERTRAM had been to Baltimore, Maryland, on a selling trip, after which he came to Washington to visit COPLON and at the time of this meeting, BERTRAM was about to entrain for New York. [ ] said she and her husband prevailed upon BERTRAM to take a later train, which he did, and the four of them went for drinks. [ ] believed this meeting to be prior to COPLON'S European trip. b6 b7C

[ ] remembered a phone conversation with COPLON during which COPLON said she had saved some money and annual leave and was going to Europe to visit France and Italy. [ ] said she asked COPLON how much it would cost, and was told she thought she could do it on \$1,000, by flying. [ ] said she didn't know how long COPLON was gone, didn't know whether COPLON was fluent enough with French to handle conversation and neither of them discussed going to Russia. Upon her return, COPLON phoned several times and one time, said she had a small gift, but that she had never received it.

[ ] said she has only had personal contact with COPLON twice since her return from Europe, although, they have had a number of phone conversations. According to [ ] she had lunch with COPLON, at which time, COPLON said she was very impressed with Italy and especially Florence; that she spoke of the art, music and culture of Italy and the fact she had purchased some MICHAELANGELO prints. [ ] said COPLON didn't speak of having met anyone..

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[ ] said her second personal meeting with COPLON since the European trip, took place between Christmas and New Year, 1948, at which time, COPLON and an attorney friend from Justice who had attended Yale and was from New Haven (probably HAROLD P. SHAPIRO, although [ ] didn't recall the name) came for dinner after having attended an office party. [ ]

[ ] said her husband and COPLON'S friend discussed law and played records while she and COPLON discussed clothes and psychoanalysis. The question of psychoanalysis was brought up by COPLON, who spoke of some friend in McLean Gardens who was in the field of psychology. Further, COPLON asked [ ] if she knew anything about Freudanalysis. [ ] said she explained what she knew about it and asked COPLON if she had been going to a psychoanalyst or was considering. COPLON said no and laughed, saying she had her little neuroses.

[ ] said she phoned COPLON on Monday, February 28, 1949, concerning a luncheon engagement planned for Tuesday, March 1, 1949, and learned that COPLON had a cold. COPLON suggested that [ ] phone her office the next day to determine whether she would be able to make the luncheon. Subsequently, she called COPLON on Tuesday night March 1, 1949, and made plans for luncheon the following week.

[ ] continuing, said most of their conversations were over the phone. On one conversation in the past several months, COPLON said during a phone conversation that her thesis had to be in by December of this year. During another phone conversation, COPLON, speaking of her government employment, said once a person becomes a government employee, it becomes difficult to break away. Further, that she didn't especially want to go back to New York, nor did she particularly want to stay in Washington. [ ] said she and COPLON were both very interested in politics and both were free in their discussions and she [ ] felt free to make any comments to COPLON. COPLON never carried the conversation when they discussed any political matter and it never occurred to her that there was any significance to the fact that she didn't carry the conversation. Specifically, [ ] said they did not discuss the Marshall Plan, Berlin Blockade, American Military training, Loyalty Program, and that she could not recall, particular conversation standing out in her mind. She considered COPLON of being right of herself then changed, saying COPLON was perhaps "middle of the road". When asked what she meant, [ ] said, "Well, I voted for HENRY WALLACE, if that means anything."

[ ] said she did not know COPLON to be a member of the Communist Party and was positive she never knew COPLON to have been associated with Communists or Communist activities. Further, that she knows COPLON to be a bright and generous girl and she cannot figure out the reasons for her present situation. [ ] said she and her husband, in discussing the case, have ruled out bribery and love affair, which leaves only ideology. The bribery was ruled out as they didn't believe she needed the money, and the love affair because the papers indicated GUBITCHEV was happily married.

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Regarding ideology, [ ] said she couldn't furnish any information to justify this reason; further, that COPLON had never approached her to furnish any information. [ ]

[ ] said she never knew COPLON to have been associated with Presentation, Inc., however, that she and her husband, [ ] know HUGH BARTON and were introduced to CARL MARZIANI on Sunday night February 27, 1949, at which time, they had a conversation of approximately five minutes. [ ] said that on Monday night, February 28, 1949, when talking to COPLON by phone, she mentioned having met MARZIANI and said it was hard to believe he was guilty, especially since he was such a nice person. [ ] said MARZIANI was to have his hearing before the Supreme Court on Monday February 28th.

According to [ ] no member of her family, or COPLON'S family is a member of the Communist Party or connected with Communist activities. She then added "As far as she knows" and also said her sister SOPHIE and SOPHIE's husband voted for WALLACE.

[ ] was asked if she was or had ever been a member of any Communist or Communist front organization. She replied no. Then she was specifically asked if she had ever been a member of "The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade." She then informed she was a member of the American Veterans Committee and as such, had met MILTON WOLF, who was also a member. WOLF told her he had been working on the tenth anniversary dinner for the Brigade and needed some part-time volunteer help to solicit funds as they had very little money. Continuing, she informed that the dinner was in February 1947, and LOUIS BROMFIELD was slated to speak, however, he never appeared. Further, that ERNEST HEMINGWAY sent a recorded speech from Cuba; DASHAM HAMMETT and DOROTHY PARKER, the playwright, appeared in person, along with an artist from Mexico. [ ] said all the speeches were principally concerned with lauding the Brigade. [ ] was asked her opinion of the Brigade and said, "Well, they fought FRANCO who was a Fascist." b6 b7C

[ ] said she considered MILTON WOLF a Communist. When asked how to tell a Communist, she said anyone who openly professes belief in Communism.

General information supplied by [ ] was that she didn't know any of COPLON'S Washington friends; she didn't think COPLON especially liked a social life, although, she probably had her share of dates; COPLON wasn't unattractive and didn't seem to be hard pressed for gentlemen friends; never knew her to own a typewriter; never was in her apartment at McLean Gardens; COPLON lived alone because she didn't like people; COPLON is moddy and certainly knows right from wrong.

[ ] ability to specifically recall the dates around the end of February and first part of March 1949, were attributed by her to COPLON'S

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arrest on March 4, 1949. After the close of the interview, [ ] when about to depart, said, "Oh, I have something I must confess." "I wrote JUDY a letter last night asking if I could be of some help concerning her clothes."

The following additional background information was obtained during the course of the [ ] interview:

She served as [ ] in the Waves from February 19, 1943, to January 23, 1946, when discharged as Yeoman First Class, NSN 7321797.

Her natural parents, both living, are [ ] and [ ] although semi-retired, is a tie silk manufacturer with factory in Paterson, New Jersey and office at 40 East 34th Street, New York City. She has a sister [ ] residing Paterson, New Jersey, whose husband works in the tie factory in Paterson. Another sister, [ ] resides on [ ] Brooklyn, New York.

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[ ] for eight months prior to Navy service was a secretary at the Chic Hosiery Company, New York, New York. IRVING ENGLEMAN is the owner of this company. Prior to Chic, she attended the Collegiate Secretarial Institute, 509 Madison Avenue, New York City for a year and prior thereto she attended Brooklyn College for a year and a half. She is presently attending the National Art School, Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest, and studying fashion designing.

GERTRUDE M. SLINDEE  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Miss GERTRUDE M. SLINDEE, Room 2221, United States Department of State, was interviewed by Special Agents WILLIAM V. SLEVIN and HAROLD W. BRUEGGEMAN on March 10, 1949, and the following information was obtained:

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Miss SLINDEE is a clerk in the Office of the United National Affairs of the United States Department of State. She advised that she was unacquainted with JUDITH COPLON and to the best of her recollection had never been contacted by Miss COPLON, either personally or telephonically. She further stated that to the best of her recollection she had not contacted within the past three years the Foreign Agents Registration Act Section, of the Department of Justice, nor had she been contacted by anyone in this section.

Miss SLINDEE stated, however, that approximately one and a half years ago she had interviewed around 5,000 applicants for positions with the Department of State and suggested that perhaps she had interviewed Miss COPLON at this time, although she could not state from her own recollection that she had ever seen Miss COPLON.

[REDACTED]  
Washington, D. C.

[REDACTED] were interviewed by Special Agents CARL N. DE TEMPLE and LAMBERT G. ZANDER on March 6, 1949, at their apartment, No. 702, 2500 Q Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

[REDACTED] advised that he had served in the United States Army from May 1943 to January 1946. During that period he was also assigned as a military government officer in Frankfurt, Germany. Upon his release from the Army he was employed in the office of Mr. Justice WILEY B. RUTLEDGE. In July 1948 he was employed by the Economic Cooperation Administration in the Office of General Counsel.

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He advised that he has never met JUDITH COPLON, that he failed to recognize her picture in the papers, and knows nothing concerning her with the exception that his wife had advised him that she was a classmate of COPLON at Barnard College and on several occasions he recalls his wife's informing him that she had met her and referred to her as a classmate at Barnard College. He recalls that about a month ago his wife advised him that JUDITH COPLON had telephoned her and requested his wife to speak to him about the possibilities of JUDITH COPLON's obtaining a position with ECA. However, the request was indefinite and inasmuch as he was not familiar with the personnel situation due

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to his employment in the Office of General Counsel, he made no inquiry in pursuance of this request. [ ] could not furnish any additional information regarding JUDITH COPLON. He was not familiar with any of her friends and associates and indicated that his wife would have additional information inasmuch as she was a classmate of JUDITH COPLON and had met her upon occasions in Washington, D. C.

[ ] advised that she is presently employed at the National Labor Relations Board as a legal assistant and that she was previously engaged in the practice of law in New York City, having graduated from Barnard College in 1942 and from Columbia Law School in 1945. She and her husband have been in Washington, D. C., since August 1947. She recalls JUDITH COPLON as her schoolmate at Barnard College and when [ ] left Barnard to attend Columbia University Law School, she believes JUDITH COPLON remained in school and graduated in 1943.

She describes JUDITH COPLON as a very intense individual, possibly an introvert, and knew her at college only through JUDITH COPLON's work on the "Barnard Bulletin", the school paper. She considered JUDITH COPLON a member of an intellectual group who did not engage in the usual social activities of the school. Through her contacts with JUDITH on the "Bulletin" she believed JUDITH to be a liberal but not a "leftist". [ ] stated she never discussed politics or political philosophies with COPLON and that she was never closely associated with her other than indicated.

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The entire episode of JUDITH COPLON's involvement in the matter that has received such publicity within the last few days came as a complete surprise to [ ]. She could advance no reason and could furnish no motivation for COPLON's actions. She had always believed that JUDITH COPLON was financially well situated due to her family but knew nothing of her family's background and could furnish no foundation for this belief. [ ] further stated that she had given considerable thought to her association with JUDITH COPLON since reading of the current disclosures made in the press regarding JUDITH COPLON's activities and she has recalled that she has seen COPLON on only four occasions since they last saw each other at Barnard College.

The first occasion was some months after [ ] arrival in Washington, D. C., when she met JUDITH COPLON on a bus. At that time she recalled that JUDITH was alone and this was the first occasion upon which they renewed

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acquaintances. Subsequent to this meeting she recalls that she had a luncheon engagement with JUDITH COPLON and another mutual acquaintance of theirs at Barnard College, [ ] but cannot definitely place the time of this luncheon engagement. The next occasion that she saw JUDITH COPLON was approximately one month ago at a Barnard College luncheon. The only other occasion that she recalls was that she had called JUDITH COPLON at her apartment at McLean Gardens a few days after JUDITH's return from Europe, she having been previously advised by [ ] that JUDITH COPLON had returned to Washington. She called JUDITH COPLON on this occasion because a friend of her husband from out of town was visiting them and they desired to obtain a dinner date for him; thought that JUDITH COPLON might be available, and attempted to reach her upon this occasion. JUDITH COPLON, however, was unable to accept the invitation.

[ ] further related that some weeks before the Barnard College luncheon COPLON called her and inquired of her whether she could arrange to have her husband get information regarding prospective employment at the ECA. She indicated she had enjoyed Europe so much that she would like to obtain employment there and wondered about the possibilities of ECA's offering such an opportunity for her. [ ] discussed the matter with her husband but indicated that the inquiry was not pressed or made definite.

At the Barnard luncheon [ ] had occasion to talk briefly with JUDITH COPLON at which time she expressed some apprehension regarding the possibility of loss of her position at the Department of Justice as her status was only temporary and she was a war service appointee. She had not at any time discussed the nature of her work with [ ] and [ ] had no idea of the nature of her employment through JUDITH COPLON or others. [ ] could furnish no information regarding JUDITH COPLON's associates in Washington or New York. She was not familiar with any of her male companions or friends. When questioned about JUDITH COPLON's frequent trips to New York, she could offer no reasons other than that it was considered perfectly natural for girls in government service in Washington, D. C., who had homes in New York to make frequent weekend trips to see their families and did not consider her frequent trips to New York as indicative of any untoward activity on her part.

She evinced considerable surprise at a statement in the press with reference to JUDITH COPLON's "tall dark boy friend" because as far as she knew COPLON did not have any boy friends and was not cognizant of any in Washington or during her previous association with COPLON at Barnard College.

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JONATHAN ~~X~~ THURSZ  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

On March 8, 1949, Special Agent HOLLIS W. BOWERS and LYNN W. BEDFORD interviewed JONATHAN THURSZ, Room 316, State Department Annex 1.

THURSZ, upon interview, advised that he did not know JUDITH COPLON, had never heard her name until the recent exposé in the newspapers, had never had any contact with her and was at a loss to understand how his name was involved. THURSZ advised that once or twice a Mr. NEMZER of the Justice Department had telephoned him at the State Department concerning some matter which he has now forgotten. THURSZ said that these phone calls were approximately a year or eighteen months ago.

Referral/Consult

The following background information was supplied by THURSZ concerning himself at the time of the interview. He stated he arrived in the United States on August 9, 1941, from Casa Blanca, Morocco, and spent one and one half years studying English in this country and then went to work for the Jewish Periodicals, Inc., of 220 5th Avenue, New York City, and while with this concern worked with an associate editor, Mr. COWAN. THURSZ said he worked there from January, 1943, until September of the same year. After leaving Jewish Periodicals, he went to work for Pilot Radio Company in New York for five months. In May, 1944, he went to work for the OWI in New York at 57th Street and Broadway and stayed with them until December 1944. THURSZ said he was unemployed until April 1945, when he went to work for [redacted]

[redacted] at which time he went to work for the State Department and is presently Section Chief of the Biographical Information Section covering the countries of Russia, Poland and Finland.

According to THURSZ, he has made no trips abroad since his arrival in this country and when in New York lived at 40-37 77th Street, Jackson Heights, New York. Since living in Washington, D. C., he has resided at the Allen Lee Hotel and presently resides at 1230 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., Apartment 701.

THURSZ informed that prior to coming to this country, he was editor of a newspaper in Casa Blanca for twenty years and also was a correspondent for the Associated Press. He said the name of the newspaper was "The Future" (L'Avenir).

THURSZ states he speaks French, German, Polish, Russian and Dutch but the latter two not fluently. He states he was naturalized in Brooklyn, New York, in December 1946.

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Pursuant to Bureau instructions, on March 7, 1949, Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES contacted Mr. WILLIAM E. FOLEY, chief, Foreign Agents Registration and Internal Security Sections, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, in order to make arrangements to conduct a survey of the contents of Room 2220, formerly occupied by JUDITH COPLON.

Mr. FOLEY stated that Miss COPLON was the last remaining political analyst employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department. He explained that on June 28, 1942, the Department of Justice took over the function of administering the Foreign Agents Registration Act which previously had been handled by the Department of State. In order to carry out this new duty, a section was created in the Special War Policies Unit of the Department of Justice which unit had been formerly known as the Special Defense Unit. The unit for a considerable period of time had been engaged in the preparation of a brief directed at probable prosecution of the Communist Party, U.S.A. With the advent of World War II the Special War Policies Unit became the War Division of the Department of Justice.

At the time that JUDITH COPLON became associated with the Foreign Agents Registration Section in 1945 it was located in the Hutchins Building, 10th & D Streets, NW. She was one of a number of political analysts who reviewed material available to the section concerning Foreign Agent Registration matters. At one time there were approximately 15 of these political analysts and approximately 10 attorneys who handled such matters. In 1947 the Foreign Agents Unit moved to the Department of Justice Building and was housed on the 6th floor where it remained until June 1948 when it was physically consolidated with the Internal Security Section and secured office space adjacent to the Internal Security Section on the second floor of the Justice Building.

The political analysts in reviewing FBI reports, newspapers, periodicals and other sources designated material of interest to foreign agent matters, which material was abstracted from the source and typed on 5 x 8 slips of paper, described as "data slips." Over a period of years the number of data slips amounted to 500,000 in about 1945. The theory was that data slips properly filed would provide a ready reference on foreign agent matters and avoid the necessity of constant reference to investigative reports, etc. The preparation of these data slips was left entirely to the discretion of the analysts.

When the Foreign Agents Registration Unit moved from the Hutchins Building, a number of data slips, which in the opinion of the analysts were obsolete or of no further value, were destroyed. In 1947 a similar deletion was made from the files and in fact COPLON was engaged in a file survey at the time of her arrest and had destroyed a number of data slips in February 1949. In this connection Mr. FOLEY said that the messenger took wastepaper baskets full of data slips to a furnace and burned them. FOLEY said further that over a period of years the political analysts decreased in number and that the last three were LOUIS NEMZER, who resigned May 8, 1947, [redacted] who resigned October 15, 1948, and JUDITH COPLON.

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Mr. FOLEY produced assignment sheets which reflect that shortly after Miss COPLON became associated with the Foreign Agents Registration Section she was assigned the duty of analyzing material received concerning Belgium and France. Soon her field extended to cover the Baltic States and at the resignation of Mr. NEMZER she took over the duty of analyzing material pertaining to the USSR. At the resignation of [ ] she was left with the responsibility of covering the entire field.

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Mr. FOLEY related that Miss COPLON has had specific cases involving violations of the Act assigned to her within the past year and that she has the additional responsibility of reviewing registration forms submitted by those who comply with the Act, as well as reviewing supplements the Act requires to be submitted every six months. In view of this assignment, it has been Mr. FOLEY's impression that very few data slips have been prepared by Miss COPLON within the past year.

In October 1948 due to a transfer of personnel COPLON was assigned the duty of reviewing investigative Internal Security reports received by the Internal Security Section of the Department of Justice. In this connection it is observed that the Internal Security Section receives "Internal Security - R, Security Matter - C, and Espionage - R" investigative reports submitted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is necessary for someone to review these reports to ascertain if they contain any violations of federal laws. JUDITH COPLON received this assignment in October 1948 and kept it until Mrs. RUTH E. ROSSON, an attorney, became affiliated with the section on February 7, 1949. Inasmuch as Mr. FOLEY was aware of the investigation under way concerning JUDITH COPLON, he transferred this duty to Mrs. ROSSON. COPLON objected, stating that it was a reflection against her status as a political analyst and caused a scene in Mr. FOLEY's office. Afterwards Mrs. ROSSON advised Mr. FOLEY that COPLON had requested that Mrs. ROSSON send her investigative reports concerning internal security matters, as well as all reports that mentioned embassies, and consulates. Mr. FOLEY informed Mrs. ROSSON that she should comply with Miss COPLON's request.

It is the practice for the reviewing employee to mark the internal security reports after ascertaining that they contain no violations of federal laws. Miss COPLON initially would write the word "FILE - J.C." on the reports and later had a stamp made which read "FILE - J.C." It is observed that this assignment was separate and apart from Miss COPLON's duties as a political analyst and for the most part the material which she reviewed in the Internal Security - R, Security Matter - C and Espionage - R reports had little or no bearing on Foreign Agents Registration matters. It is not the practice nor is there any necessity for making data slips reflecting information in these reports, according to Mr. FOLEY. The doing of this by anyone would be acting beyond the scope of their duties.

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Mr. FOLEY related that when Miss COPLON desired to have a data slip made she would mark the material she desired quoted by brackets and would underline the subject matter with two lines and indicate by underlining other matters she desired cross referenced with one line. As an example, if six names were mentioned in a report concerning ANTORG, two lines would be drawn under ANTORG and one line would be drawn under the other six names. This would indicate to Miss ETTA TAYLOR, stenographer, that an original and six carbons of the data slip should be made. Mr. FOLEY said that up until October 1948 Miss MARY HAWKINS did most of the filing of these data slips but since that time COPLON has done her own filing.

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An examination of Room 2220 indicates there are 83 file drawers containing data slips relative to approximately 40 nationality groups in addition to the Communist Party, U.S.A., and enumerable "left wing and individuals." An analysis of this material is being made and will be reported in the near future.

The desk of subject and her personal file drawer were examined. Nothing of interest was found in her desk. There were a number of FBI investigative reports in her file drawer. A number related to Foreign Agent Registration matters and there were 53 FBI reports which pertained to Internal Security matters and which in the opinion of Mr. WILLIAM E. FOLEY have no bearing on Foreign Agent matters. These reports had been routed to COPLON by Mrs. RUTH M. ROSSON at COPLON's request. The description of these reports is not being set forth in this portion but can be found under the section indicating what Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES can testify to.

The originals and carbons of data slips Q-25 through Q-29 and Q-33 were located in a wooden file box located on a bookcase on the west side of Room 2220. In the rear of this box in an unfilled section, the aforementioned data slips were found.

In a paper bound file box located on a file cabinet on the south side of Room 2220 the originals and available carbons of Q-31 and Q-32 were located.

The original and available carbons of Q-30 were found in a file drawer properly filed under a section entitled "Roumanian."

In the interest of brevity, the full details concerning the location of the described data slips are not being set forth in this section but may be found under the section indicating what Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES may be expected to testify to.

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Re Documents Found in Purse of JUDITH COPLON  
When Arrested on March 4, 1949.

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When JUDITH COPLON was arrested in New York, March 4, 1949, she had in her purse a number of 5 x 8 pieces of paper, some of which are forms used by the Foreign Agents Registration Section and which are known as "data slips". On these forms were summaries and in some instances verbatim quotations from FBI investigative reports. The material on these "data slips" has been compared with the FBI investigative reports on which they were based and the results will be set forth.

When the material was taken from COPLON, the pieces of paper were numbered 1 through 39 by New York agents. The FBI Laboratory in its examination, gave the documents the same numbers and referred to them as Q-1, etc. In this report in the interest of brevity and clarity the 5 x 8 pieces of paper will be referred to as "data slips" and called Q-1, etc.

An analysis of the data slips reflects that Q-1 through Q-34 are based on Internal-Security-R and Security Matter-C, F.B.I. investigative reports which do not deal with Foreign Agents Registration matters. The FBI Laboratory advised by report of March 5, 1949 that these data slips were prepared on Royal Typewriter #KMA-2562236 which is located in Room 2220, U.S. Department of Justice Building. This typewriter stands immediately behind the desk which was occupied by JUDITH COPLON. The data slips described are "originals" and no carbons are designated on the forms.

The FBI investigative reports on which Q-1 through Q-14 and Q-34 are based reflect initials and the word "file" indicating that an employee has reviewed them for violations of federal laws. The duty of reviewing these reports is separate and apart from the duties of employees in the Foreign Agents Registration Section. It is observed that from October, 1948 until February, 1949, COPLON was temporarily assigned the duty of reviewing Internal Security reports due to a shortage of personnel.

The reports on which data slips Q-1 through Q-14 and Q-34 are based bear the following initials:

Q-1 -- JC	Q-6 -- JC	Q-11 -- JC
Q-2 -- RMR	Q-7 -- RMR	Q-12 -- RMR
Q-3 -- JC	Q-8 -- JC	Q-13 -- RMR
Q-4 -- RMR	Q-9 -- RMR	Q-14 -- JC
Q-5 -- JC	Q-10 -- RMR	Q-34 -- JC

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The initials of "JC" are those of JUDITH COPLON. The initials of "RMR" are those of Mrs. RUTH M. ROSSON, an attorney who took over the duty of reviewing Internal Security-R investigative reports in February, 1949 and who was specifically requested by JUDITH COPLON to furnish her, COPLON, with all Internal Security-R and reports making mention of Embassies and Consulates.

It is observed that it is contrary to practice and acting upon the scope of her duties for COPLON to make "data slips" on Internal Security reports since they do not have a bearing on Foreign Agents Registration matters.

The data slips Q-15 through Q-34 have been identified by the FBI Laboratory as having been written on a Corona Portable Typewriter which was obtained by a search warrant; March 5, 1949 from the apartment of JUDITH COPLON. It is observed that only Q-17 and Q-18 are written on the regular "data slips" whereas the remainder of Q-15 through Q-24 are written on similar size sheets of plain paper.

These FBI investigative reports on which Q-15 through Q-24 are based are Internal Security-R, Espionage-R and Security Matter-C reports which had been reviewed by JUDITH COPLON with the exception of Q-15 which is based on a Foreign Agents Registration Act file. They are in connection with the specific duty assigned as described above. The reports bear the following initials:

Q-15 -- WF	Q-20 -- JC
Q-16 -- JC	Q-21 -- JC
Q-17 -- JC	Q-22 -- JC
Q-18 -- JC	Q-23 -- JC
Q-19 -- JC	Q-24 -- JC

The data slips Q-25 through Q-33 were prepared in accordance with procedure of the FARS and have been identified by the FBI Laboratory as having been written on a Royal Typewriter #KMM-2585483, which is used by stenographer ETTA TAYLOR. These data slips relate to Foreign Agents Registration matters.

#### Comparison of Data Slips with FBI Written Reports.

There is reported as follows the information reflected on "data slips" Q-1 through Q-34 and the identity of the FBI reports on which these slips are based. The specific paragraphs in the FBI investigative reports on which the data slips are based are quoted.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent  
COURTLAND J. JONES:

MATERIAL PREPARED ON ROYAL TYPEWRITER, SERIAL #KMM-2562236  
located in Room 2220, Department of Justice Building.

By teletype March 5, 1949, the FBI Laboratory advised that it had identified Royal elite typewriter, Serial KMM-2562236, located in Room 2220, as the machine used to type the Q-1 through Q-14 and Q-34.

[Q-1] ~~(S)~~-(U)

This data slip reads as follows: ~~(S)~~-(U)

[ ] who is familiar with the activities of the Russian Embassy personnel, advised that he has received no info indicating that any person in the Swiss legation might be connected with Soviet Intelligence activities. The informant has observed, however, that Eric Kessler, Counselor, Swiss Legation, has been in contact with Soviet Embassy personnel, but informant has obtained no info re these contacts which would indicate that Kessler was engaged in more than his official business." ~~(S)~~-(U)

The above is based on the report of Special Agent AUBREY S. BRENT dated November 23, 1948, at Washington, D. C., entitled SOLOMON LIEBERMANN, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY - R." (Department of Justice File #146-1-36-375.) ~~(S)~~-(U)

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The Division of Records stamp of the Department of Justice reflect that this report was received January 12, 1949. The stamp of the Criminal Division of the Department reflects that the report was received on January 12, 1949. The first page of this report bears the following stamp "File J. C." which indicates that it had been reviewed by JUDITH COPLON. The report does not reflect any notations or markings indicating that a data slip should be prepared.

On Page 21 of this report the following paragraph appears on which the information appearing on Q-1 is based.

["IX MISCELLANEOUS"] ~~(S)~~-(U)

~~(S)~~ Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, who is familiar with the activities of the Russian Embassy personnel, advised that he had received no information indicating that any person in the Swiss ~~(S)~~-(U)

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Legation might be connected with Soviet Intelligence Agency. This informant has observed, however, that ERIC KESSLER, Counselor to the Swiss Legation, who resides at 3202 Cleveland Avenue, N. W., Washington, has been in contact with Soviet Embassy personnel. The informant, however, has obtained no information concerning these contacts which would indicate that KESSLER was engaged in more than his official business." (S)-(U)

The report of Special Agent A. S. BRENT is filed in a folder with the following reports:

Report of Special Agent JAMES A. HOOSE, JR., dated August 31, 1948, at Los Angeles, entitled "SALI LIEBERMAN, with aliases, et al, INTERNAL SECURITY R." This report bears a stamp indicating it was received in the Department of Justice on September 30, 1948, and also bears a stamp "File J. C."

Report of Special Agent RAYMOND J. CORHAM dated October 18, 1948, at Newark, entitled "SALI LIEBERMAN, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY R." It bears the Department of Justice Record Division stamp indicating it was received November 22, 1948. The stamp "File J. C." appears on the first page.

Report of Special Agent DOUGLAS G. ALLEN dated November 24, 1948, at San Francisco, entitled "SALI LIEBERMAN, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY R." It bears the Department of Justice Record Division stamp dated January 10, 1949, and also "File J. C."

Report of Special Agent CLEMENT A. O'BRIEN dated December 3, 1948, at Boston, entitled "SALI LIEBERMAN, INTERNAL SECURITY R." The stamp indicates it was received by the Department of Justice on December 17, 1948, and the stamp "File J. C." appears thereon.

Report of Special Agent JOHN J. WARD, JR., dated January 20, 1949, at New York entitled "SALI LIEBERMAN, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY R." The Department of Justice Record Division stamp indicates it was received on February 7, 1949. In pencil handwriting there appears "File J. C."

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The data slip taken from the possession of subject reads as follows: (S)-(U) Referral/Consult

"Jacob Leon Gyer, aka Jack Gyer. In Aug of 1947 subject applied for Soviet citizenship thru Russian Consulate in San Fran.

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The above is based on the report of Special Agent EDWARD E. ABBOTT dated December 17, 1948, at Los Angeles, California, entitled "JACOB LEON GYER, aka Jack Gyer, SECURITY MATTER C." The synopsis reads in part "In August, 1947, subject applied for Soviet citizenship through the Russian Consulate in San Francisco." On Page 3, the following appears

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This report bears the Department of Justice File #146-1-12-1363 Division of Records stamp indicating it was received January 7, 1949. The Criminal Division stamp indicates it was received by that division January 10, 1949. The following is written on the front page in pencil: "File R. M.R." This indicates that the file was reviewed by RUTH M. ROSSON. It is recalled that when interviewed MRS. ROSSON stated that at the request of JUDITH COPLON she, MRS. ROSSON, referred all Security Matter C, Internal Security R, and other reports concerning embassies and consulates to MISS COPLON.

In addition to the above described report, there appears in this file the reports of Special Agent W. NATHAN PROVINSE, dated June 9, 1945, at Los Angeles, and May 1, 1945, at Los Angeles. Stamps thereon indicate they were received in the Department of Justice at the same time the report of Special Agent EDWARD E. ABBOTT was received. They also bear the handwritten notation "File R. M. R."

[Q-3] (S) - (U)

This data slip reads as follows: (S) - (U)

"Leona Saron. On 12/27/47, T-1, an informant of known reliability, who is familiar with affairs of Leonid Ivanovich Pavlov, Third Secy and former head of the 'USSR Information Bulletin', advised that Saron stated that she had previously seen Pavlov re a position with the 'Bulletin'. In connection with her application, informant advised that on the above date, she furnished Pavlov with a summary of her background and experience as follows, etc. Informant stated that Saron said she was very much interested working with the 'Information Bulletin'. She claimed to be

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completely familiar with office practice thereof though not an expert proof reader nor editorial writer. (S) - (U)

"According to T-5, Tseko Etropolski, First Secy, Bulgarian Legation, is the party whip in the Legation and has taken on administrative functions so far as security is concerned. The informant states that his duties are limited to propaganda and intelligence work. He has been in contact with the Soviet Embassy and with reps of other Satellite diplomatic representations. (S) - (U)

The above is based on the report of Special Agent ROBERT K. McQUEEN dated November 25, 1948, at Washington, D. C., entitled 'LEONA SARON, with aliases, SECURITY MATTER C.' (S) - (U)

On Page 2, there appears the following: (S) (U)

"On December 27, 1947, Confidential Informant T-1, an informant of known reliability who is familiar with affairs of LEONID IVANOVICH PAVLOV, Third Secretary and former head of the 'USSR Information Bulletin' advised that LEONA SARON stated she had previously seen PAVLOV with regard to a position with the 'Bulletin.' In connection with her application informant advised that on the above date she furnished PAVLOV with a summary of her background and experience as follows....." (S) - (U)

On Page 3, there appears: (S) - (U)

"Informant stated that SARON said she was very much interested working with the 'Information Bulletin'. She claimed to be completely familiar with office practice thereof though not an expert proof reader nor editorial writer. She said she had been studying the Russian language at the American-Russian Institute (New York) for over a year." (S) - (U)

On Page 11, there appears: (S) - (U)

"According to Confidential Informant T-5, mentioned above, ETROPOLSKI is the party whip in the legation and has taken on administrative functions so far as security is concerned. The informant states that his duties are limited to propaganda and intelligence work. He has been in contact with the Soviet Embassy and with representatives of other satellite diplomatic representations." (S) - (U)

[The report of Agent McQUEEN entitled "LEONA SARON, with aliases, SECURITY MATTER C" dated November 25, 1948, at Washington, D. C.,] bears (S) - (U) Department of Justice file number 146-1-51-1147. It was received in the Record Division of the Department of Justice on December 28, 1948, and was transmitted to the Criminal Division of the Department on the same date. The report bears the notation "File J. C."

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In addition to the aforementioned report, the Department of Justice file reflects the report of Special Agent WILLIAM S. EVERARD dated June 30, 1944, at New York, concerning the SARON case. The stamp "File J. C." appears on this report also.

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This data slip reads as follows: (S) - (U)

"Dr. Aramais Akob Hovsepian, was. T-1, who was in position to observe and was quite familiar with activities of personnel of Soviet Vice-Consulate in LA, advised that during period from 10/45 thru 11/47 subject was often in contact with Consulate. One particular contact occurred on 7/17/46. According to informant, subject met with Mukhachev then secy to the Vice-Consulate. This contact took place about time of Redin trial. (S) - (U)

"T-2 supplied info in early part of 1945 (info was in a foreign language.) This source advised he was present when subject and wife had long discussion re apparent difficulties between subject and Pastoef. Subject had just returned from first meeting with new Vice-Consul Vavilov. Subject stated that Vavilov stated in connection with difficulty subject had had with Pastoev that the matter had been reported to Washington and Vavilov, in reply to these inquiries, had received 'your detailed biography and instruction to continue the acquaintance with the Hovsepians.'" (S) - (U)

The above is based on the report of Special Agent ARTHUR C. WITTENBURG dated January 31, 1949, at Los Angeles entitled "DR. ARAMAIS AKOB HOVSEPIAN, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY R." (S) - (U)

On Page 2, the following is reflected: (S) - (U)

"Los Angeles T-1, who is in a position to observe and was quite familiar with the activities of the personnel of the Soviet Vice Consulate which then existed in Los Angeles, advised that it had come to his attention that during the period from October, 1945, through November, 1947, subject was quite often in contact with members of the Consulate personnel. It appears from the information furnished by the informant that these contacts consisted mostly of social gatherings, etc., but the informant gained the distinct impression that the subject and his wife were on friendly, if not intimate, terms with various members of the Soviet Vice Consulate personnel. (S) - (U)

"One particular contact of significance occurred on July 17, 1946. According to informant, at this time DR. HOVSEPIAN met with MUKHACHEV, who was then Secretary to the Vice Consulate. This contact took place at about the time of the REDIN trial, and in discussing this matter the subject congratulated MUKHACHEV on the outcome and indicated that he was not in sympathy with the American authorities." (S) - (U)

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On Page 2, the following also appears: ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"Los Angeles T-2 in the early part of 1945, provided Agents of this office with information with regard to activities on the part of subject and his wife. At the time this information was received it was in a foreign language and has since been translated. This source advised that on one occasion subject was conversing with his wife, at which time he seemed very much concerned about the fact that V. V. ~~PASTOEV~~, who was then Soviet Vice Consul in Los Angeles, did not like him, etc. According to this source, this feeling on the part of ~~PASTOEV~~ greatly perturbed the subject in that he felt he had rendered unusual service to both the personnel of the Soviet Vice Consulate and to visiting seamen from Russian ships docked in the Los Angeles harbor." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

On Page 3, of the report of Special Agent WITTENBURG there appears: ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"On a subsequent occasion the same source advised that he was present when subject and his wife had a long discussion with respect to some apparent difficulties between the subject and V. V. ~~PASTOEV~~. According to this source the subject had just returned from his first meeting with the new Vice Consul ~~VAVILOV~~, at which time he had a very complete discussion with respect to his previous differences with ~~PASTOEV~~..." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"In one part of this conversation HOVSEPIAN stated that ~~VAVILOV~~ stated that in connection with the difficulty that he, HOVSEPIAN, had had with ~~PASTOEV~~, that the matter had been reported to Washington and in reply to these inquiries, ~~VAVILOV~~ had received 'Your detailed biography and instructions to continue the acquaintance with the HOVSEPIANS.'" ~~(S)~~ - (U)

The report of Agent WITTENBURG from which the above material has been extracted was received in the Department of Justice, Division of Records Section, according to a stamp on February 15, 1949. It was transmitted to the Criminal Division of the Department on the same day. It bears the notation as written in longhand "File R. M. R." Department of Justice file number 146-1-12-1261.

[Q-5] ~~(S)~~ - (U)

This data slip reads as follows: ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"Philip ~~Levy~~. T-2 reported that he learned in May of 1945, subject's brother, Jacob ~~Levy~~ Civian had met an individual whom he thought 'looks like a Russian general' and was considering entering into some business relationship with him. Subject advised against it unless the individual would be willing to put up \$5,000 for a survey of the Mexican situation. It is thought that the person discussed was Joe ~~Pikker~~ (phonetic) or Joe ~~Foster~~. Later Civian entered the country having in his possession five packages of \$1,000 each in \$20 bills. It is noted that this denomination has frequently been used in Soviet espionage payoffs." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

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The foregoing is based on the report of Special Agent EDWARD G. BURKE made at Newark November 23, 1948, entitled "PHILIP LEVY, INTERNAL SECURITY R." (Bureau file #100-335075.) ~~(S)~~ - (U)

On Page 9, of this report there appears the following: ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"T-2 advised that the subject and Civian discussed business transactions with JOSEPH C. FOSTER, whose address in 1944 was 282 North Main Street, Leominster, Massachusetts. ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"In May, 1945, the informant learned that Civian had met an individual whom he thought 'looks like a Russian general' and was considering entering into some business relationship with him. LEVY advised against it unless the individual would be willing to put up \$5,000 for a survey of the Mexican situation. It is thought that the person discussed was JOE PIKKER (Ph.) or possibly JOE FOSTER. Later Civian entered the country having in his possession five packages of \$1,000 each in \$20 bills. It is noted that this denomination has frequently been used in Soviet espionage pay-offs." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

The report of Agent BURKE bears a stamp of the Division of Records, Department of Justice, December 28, 1948. It was transmitted to the Criminal Division of the Department on the same day. The report also bears the stamp "File J. C." This report is placed in a file jacket bearing the Department of Justice File #1146-1-48-492. However, the charge-out request which is incorporated in the file does not reflect that COPLON has requested to see the file containing other reports concerning PHILIP LEVY.

[Q-6] ~~(S)~~ - (U)

The data slip referred to as Q-6 reads as follows: ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"William J. Regin, was. Subject arouses suspicion in Baltimore, MD by possession of expensive photo equipment, signs of unusual affluence, and references to contacts with the Russian Embassy. Subject continues to make frequent moves around the US seeking employment for short periods of time in the prominent industries of the country. Present whereabouts unknown. ~~(S)~~ - (U)

The above information is based on the report of Special Agent ROBERT E. MARGISON dated November 16, 1948, at Baltimore, entitled "WILLIAM J. RAGIN, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY R." The synopsis of this report reads: ~~(S)~~ - (U)

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"The subject arouses suspicion in Baltimore, Maryland, by possession of expensive photographic equipment, signs of unusual affluence, and references to contacts with the Russian Embassy. Background data and known residences and places of employment set out. Subject continues to make frequent moves around the United States seeking employment for short periods of time in prominent industries of the country. Present whereabouts unknown." (S) - (U)

This report bears a stamp indicating it was received in the Division of Records, Department of Justice, December 31, 1948, and another stamp indicating it was received in the Criminal Division of the Department January 3, 1949. A stamp "File J. C." is affixed to the first page of the report, which bears the Department file number 146-1-62-891.

[Q-7] (S) - (U)

The data slip indicated as Q-7 reads as follows: (S) - (U)

"Krstic. Reference Bureau letter, 3/26/48, authorized investigation of Stojan Krstic, employed by Yugo Consulate at Chicago, in order to verify and implement info that subject is engaged in intelligence activities as agent of UDB at Yugo Consulate." (S) - (U)

The foregoing is based on the report of Special Agent CAROLD R. FITZGERALD, October 8, 1948, at Chicago, entitled "STOJAN KRSTIC, INTERNAL SECURITY YU AND R." (S) - (U)

On Page 2, of this report the following appears: (S) - (U)

"Reference Bureau letter of March 26, 1948, authorized investigation of STOJAN KRSTIC, employed by the Yugoslav Consulate at Chicago, in order to verify and implement information reflecting subject to be engaged in intelligence activities as an Agent of the UDB at the Yugoslav Consulate at Chicago." (S) - (U)

The stamps on the report indicate that it was received in the Department of Justice, Division of Records, on December 17, 1948, and transmitted to the Criminal Division on the same date. The pencil notation "File R. M. R." appears on the first page of this report indicating it was reviewed by RUTH M. ROSSON. Department of Justice file number 146-1-23-469.

[Q-8] (S) - (U)

The data slip referred to as Q-8 reads as follows: (S) - (U)

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"Clara Juravcoff. [redacted] who is considered reliable, stated that in 1925, [redacted]"

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[redacted] believes that Clara Juravcoff is person referred to. Clara formerly married to Jacob Skolnik." (S) - (U)

The foregoing is based on the report of Special Agent EDWIN O. RAUDSEP dated November 19, 1948, at San Francisco, entitled "CLARA JURAVCOFF, with aliases, SECURITY MATTER R." (S) - (U)

On Page 16, the following appeared: (S) - (U)

"INFORMATION INDICATIVE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND PRO-SYMPATHIES AND ACTIVITIES. (S) - (U)

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[redacted] advised that he

[redacted] VOLKOV is considered reliable.

He stated that in 1925, [redacted]

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[redacted] believes that CLARA JURAVCOFF is the person referred to as SKOLNIK by SHUMAKOV because CLARA JURAVCOFF is reputed in Russian circles in San Francisco to be a Communist and active in Russian affairs. He also advised that he knew no other woman in Russian circles in San Francisco by the name of SKOLNIK or similar name. (S) - (U)

"It will be noted that the October 8, 1926, issue of the San Francisco 'Examiner' contained an article reflecting that BORIS APPOLLONOVICH SHUMAKOV was at that time in San Francisco and that he was president of the Hydro-Technic Society of the North Caucasus." (S) - (U)

The synopsis of Agent RAUDSEP'S report reads in part: (S) - (U)

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"She (CLARA JURAVCOFF) was naturalized by her marriage to JACOB SCKOLNIK at San Francisco, California, on April 4, 1921. She subsequently divorced SCKOLNIK and married PAUL JURAVCOFF on December 14, 1939, with whom she now is living at 67 Divisadero Street, San Francisco." (X) - (U)

The above-referred-to report of Agent RAUDSEP bears Department of Justice File #146-1-11-702. Stamps indicate it was received by the Division of Records on December 17, 1948, and transmitted to the Criminal Division of the Department on the same date. The handwritten words "File R. M. R." appear on the front page.

The Department file also reflects a report of Special Agent JOHN V. JACKOLSKI concerning CLARA JURAVCOFF dated December 29, 1948, at Washington, D. C. It bears the stamp "File J. C."

[Q-9] (X) - (U)

The data slip referred to as Q-9 reads as follows: (X) - (U)

"Paul Juravcoff. Paul, husband of Clara. An informant of doubtful accuracy declared subject has acted as medium of exchange of messages between CP functionaries and Russian Consulate Officials in San Fran." (X) - (U)

The above is based on the report of Special Agent EDWIN OLIVER RAUDSEP dated November 19, 1948, at San Francisco, entitled "PAUL NICANOR JURAVCOFF, with aliases, SECURITY MATTER R." The synopsis in part reads as follows: (X) - (U)

"An informant of doubtful accuracy declared subject has acted as a medium of exchange of messages between Communist Party functionaries and Russian Consulate officials in San Francisco. Subject's wife, CLARA, has been active in ARI, JAFRC, RAS, FSU, has had frequent contact with officials of Russian Consulate in San Francisco and is alleged to have declared 'Russia will take over the United States' and 'Stalin is the savior of the world.'" (X) - (U)

The report of Agent RAUDSEP concerning PAUL NICANOR JURAVCOFF bears a stamp indicating it was received by the Department of Justice, Division of Records, on December 17, 1948, and a stamp indicating it was received by the Criminal Division of the Department on the same date. It also bears a penciled notation "File R. M. R." The file of PAUL NICANOR JURAVCOFF bears the same file number as his wife's in the Department of Justice file room, it being 146-1-11-702.

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The data slip designated as Q-10 reads as follows: ~~(S)~~— (U)

"Harold ~~Beerman~~. T-1 revealed on 5/26/47 that subject visited the State Headquarters of the CP, Newark, NJ, on that date and talked with his mother Catherine. Subject's mother asked that subject contact friend of hers before reporting to Russian Embassy in NYC." ~~(S)~~— (U)

The above is based on the report of Special Agent JACK S. NEWELL, dated November 19, 1948, at Newark, entitled "HAROLD BEERMAN, with aliases, SECURITY MATTER C." (Bureau File 100-341519) ~~(S)~~— (U)

On Page 1, the following appears: ~~(S)~~— (U)

"On May 26, 1947, Confidential Informant T-1 revealed that the subject visited the state headquarters of the Communist Party in Newark, New Jersey, on that date and had talked with his mother, MRS. CATHERINE BEERMAN. Subject's mother had asked that the subject contact a friend of hers before reporting to the Russian Embassy in New York City." ~~(S)~~— (U)

The report of Special Agent NEWELL reflects the stamp of the Division of Records, Department of Justice, indicating it was received on December 15, 1948. The stamp of the Criminal Division indicates it was received by it on December 16, 1948. There is a pencil notation on the first page of the report "File R. M. R." The Department of Justice file number is 146-1-48-669.

[Q-11]

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The data slip designated as Q-11 reads as follows: ~~(S)~~— (U)

"Stuart Legg. Stuart Legg--possible Russian espionage agent." ~~(S)~~— (U)

This is based upon the report of Special Agent ROBERT A. FRINK dated January 13, 1949, at New York, entitled "FREDERICK MARCH, with aliases, SECURITY MATTER C." ~~(S)~~— (U)

On Page 4, the following appears: ~~(S)~~— (U)

"Confidential Informant T-2 advised that STUART LEGG wrote a letter dated July 25, 1946, to JOHN GRIERSON at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, stating they had received a letter from FREDERICK MARCH'S Business Manager and advised GRIERSON to see MARCH when he was in Hollywood on his present trip." ~~(S)~~— (U)

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"Confidential Informant T-3 advised on September 18, 1946, that subject had contributed \$5,000 to the 'World Today, Inc.' This organization, located at 450 W 56th Street, New York City, is a documentary film processing business headed by GRIERSON and LEGG, both of whom are subjects of investigation at New York as possible Russian espionage agents." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

The report bears the stamp of the Division of Records, Department of Justice, indicating it was received February 16, 1949, and then transmitted to the Criminal Division. The report also bears the pencil notation "File R.M.R." The Department of Justice file number concerning FREDERICK MARCH is 146-1-12-1313, and contains a report of Special Agent MARTIN L. CROAK dated November 4, 1948, at Milwaukee. This report bears the stamp of the Division of Records indicating it was received November 30, 1948, and the stamped impression "File J. C."

[Q-12] ~~(S)~~ - (U)

The data slip referred to as Q-12 contains the following: ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"Subject, in interview, denies knowing Dorothea ~~Keene~~, Jacob ~~Araonoff~~ or Ursula ~~Wasserman~~. States she knew Tatiana ~~Pepper~~ from 1923-30. Regained contact when Elizabeth Eagan returned from Moscow with word of Tatiana. Subject sent several letters and packages to Tatiana. Mrs. Eagan and daughter Louise ~~Eagan~~ admit taking a package which Mrs. Eagan delivered to Tatiana in Moscow. Both deny bringing any letters to US for mailing to subject. Elizabeth ~~Eagan~~, another daughter, formerly in Moscow, now in Prague with State Dept. Mrs. Eagan lives in Montclair, NJ." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"Bloch received two letters in 1945, written by Tatiana in Moscow and mailed to Bloch in the US (by person unknown), postmarked in Montclair, N.J." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

The above makes reference to the reports of Special Agents WILLIAM E. NUMMEY, January 28, 1949, at New York, and Special Agent JOHN R. MURPHY dated June 9, 1947, at New York, entitled "DOROTHY LOWENGRUND ~~BLOCH~~, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY R." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

The synopsis of the report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. NUMMEY dated January 28, 1949, at New York, reads: ~~(S)~~ - (U)

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"Subject, in interview denies knowing DOROTHEA KEENE, JACOB ARONOFF or URSULA WASSERMAN. States she knew TATIANA PEPPER from 1923 to 1930. Regained contact when ELIZABETH EAGAN returned from Moscow with word of TATIANA. Subject sent several letters and packages to TATIANA. Advised by 'World Tourist' that last packages were undeliverable. MRS. EAGAN and LOUISE EAGAN admit taking a package which MRS. EAGAN delivered to TATIANA in Moscow. Both deny bringing any letters to United States for mailing to subject. ELIZABETH EAGAN now at Prague. Description set out." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

On Page 6, of the report of Special Agent NUMMEY the following appears: ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"ELIZABETH EAGAN left on her Office of War Information assignment about Eastertime, 1944. She returned on a visit in September, 1945, and left again for Moscow about October, 1945. MRS. EAGAN left the United States about August 10, 1946, and returned about November, 1946. ELIZABETH EAGAN returned from Moscow about December, 1946, and remained until about November, 1948, when she left for Prague, Czechoslovakia." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

On Page 4, of this report the address of MRS. W. E. EAGAN is reflected as 188 Bellevue Avenue, Apartment 7C, Montclair, New Jersey. ~~(S)~~ - (U)

The report of Agent NUMMEY bears the stamp of the Division of Records, Department of Justice, indicating it was received on February 11, 1949. It also bears a pencil notation "File R. M. R."

The last paragraph appearing on Q-12 is based on report of Special Agent JOHN R. MURPHY, June 9, 1947, at New York, entitled "DOROTHY LOWENGRUND BLOCH, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY R." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

The synopsis of the report of Special Agent JOHN R. MURPHY dated June 9, 1947, at New York, entitled "DOROTHY LOWENGRUND BLOCH, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY R," in part reads: ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"Subject in contact with DR. MILTON LEOF on October 27, 1946, at which time she mentioned receiving two 'mysterious' letters from Russia which were mailed in the United States. Intimated that she wanted to meet someone by whom she could send letters and clothing to Russia....One letter mentioned by subject and mailed in Montclair, New Jersey, on October 15, 1946, obtained from confidential source and text set out. Letter appears personal in nature and is written by a woman acquaintance, TATIANA LESTCHENKO, a Moscow resident, and apparently a former United States resident. These people are probably JACOB ARONOFF and DOROTHEA KEENE, New York acquaintance and wife, respectively, of ARTHUR A. ADAMS, known Soviet espionage agent...." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

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It is observed that Q-12 indicates that BLOCH received two letters in 1945. It is believed that this is an error; hence, the report indicates the letters in question were received in 1946. (S) - (U)

The first page of Agent MURPHY'S report bears a pencil notation "File R. M. R." The stamp indicates it was received by the Division of Records, Department of Justice, on February 11, 1949, and was received by the Criminal Division of the Department on February 14, 1949. It bears the Department file number 146-1-51-1612.

[Q-13] (S) - (U)

The data slip designated as Q-13 reads as follows: (S) - (U)

"In March, 1946, subject had in her address book the name of Ruth Gruber. Gruber has been reported to have been a contact of F. A. Garanin of the Soviet Embassy, Wash. Gruber was Secretary to Harold Ickes, Secy of Interior." (S) - (U)

The above is based on the report of Special Agent FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN, dated November 12, 1948, at New York, entitled "URSULA WASSERMAN, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY R." (S) - (U)

On Page 6, the following appears: (S) - (U)

[X] "GRUBER, RUTH" (S) - (U)

"According to the files of the New York office this individual was formerly employed in the Department of the Interior as Secretary to MR. HAROLD ICKES, who was then Secretary of the Department of the Interior. This information was made available in 1945. GRUBER has also been reported to have been a contact of F. A. GARANIN of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. These contacts were made during the months of October, 1945. She is also reported to be an acquaintance of HELEN SILVERMASTER, wife of NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, named by ELIZABETH BENTLEY as a Soviet Agent before the House Un-American Affairs Committee." (S) - (U)

Agent O'BRIEN'S report bears Department of Justice file number 146-1-51-1618. A stamp indicates it was received in the Division of Records, Department of Justice, on February 16, 1949. A stamp indicates it was received by the Criminal Division of the Department on February 17, 1949. The pencil notation "File R. M. R." appears on the front page of this report.

[Q-14] (S) - (U)

The document designated as Q-14 reads as follows: (S) - (U)

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"Reference teletype indicated that Dept of State source advised that the individual who filed passport application on 9/21/34 in name of Charles Francis Chase, was believed to be a Soviet Agent who also used name of ~~JOHN SHERMAN~~." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

The above is based on the report of Special Agent HOWARD P. WINTER, dated January 24, 1949, at New Haven, Connecticut, in the case entitled ~~JOHN LOOMIS SHERMAN~~, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY R." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

On Page 2, the following appears: ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"Reference teletype indicated that U. S. Department of State's source has advised that the individual who had filed application for United States Passport on September 21, 1934, in the name of CHARLES FRANCIS CHASE was believed to be a Soviet agent who also used the name of JOHN SHERMAN...." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

Agent WINTER'S report has Department of Justice file number 146-1-50-230. A stamp indicates it was received by the Division of Records, Department of Justice, on February 7, 1949, and a stamp indicates it was received by the Criminal Division on February 8, 1949. A handwritten notation "File J. C." appears on the first page of the report.

[Q-34] ~~(S)~~ - (U)

The document designated as Q-34 reads as follows: ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"Mario Joseph Pezzola. In Bureau interview Pezzola admitted writing letter 3/8/48 to 'Dear Joseph' and signed Dick, which letter indicated P associated with an org. sending reps to various parts of the world. P now admits that entire letter fabrication, written to impress three fellow employees of the Arabian-American Oil Co. with P's connections with a non-existent underground pro-Israel anti-capitalist group; by this means P wanted to impress his three associates with the extent of his own liberal philosophy." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

The above is based on the report of Special Agent DAVID E. TODD dated January 21, 1949, at San Francisco entitled "MARIO JOSEPH PEZZOLA, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY R." The synopsis reads as follows: ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"PEZZOLA has admitted writing a letter dated March 8, 1948, addressed to 'Dear Joseph' and signed DICK, which letter indicated that PEZZOLA was associated with an organization sending representatives to various parts of the world. PEZZOLA now admits that the entire letter is a fabrication written to impress three fellow-employees at the Arabian-American Oil Company with PEZZOLA'S connection with a non-existent underground pro-Israel group." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

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On Page 2, of this report the following appears: ~~(S)~~ - (U)

"PEZZOLA stated that in order to impress his three associates with the extent of his own liberal philosophy he told them that the reason he had left California was that he was in fear of receiving a subpoena during the Congressional Hearings on the activities of Communists in the film industry in Hollywood..." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

Agent TODD'S report bears a stamp indicating it was received by the Division of Records, Department of Justice, February 18, 1949. A stamp indicates it was received by the Criminal Division on this same date. A stamp "File W.E.F." appears on the front page of this report which can be located under Department of Justice file number 146-1-11-583.

This file also contains a report concerning the same subject written by Special Agent JOHN R. MURPHY, JR., dated August 19, 1948, at New York. This report bears the stamp "File J. C." A stamp indicates it was received by the Division of Records, Department of Justice, on September 14, 1948.

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The data slip designated as Q-15 contains the following:

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"ARTKINO

"ADMIRAL ~~NAKHIMOV~~ was reviewed by the writer at the Stanley Theater on 12/4/48. No indication on screen by way of trailer either at beginning or end that Artkino registered agent of foreign principal. T-6 reported same re 'The Taras Family' shown at headquarters of District #21, CP, St. Louis, Mo.

"On 5/14/46, T-3 stated that Napoli departed from Brownsville, Texas, for Mexico City, claiming Mexican citizenship on this trip and allowed to depart without travel papers. On 5/22/46, T-3 advised Nap returned from Mexico and declared American citizenship on passenger declaration.

"On 7/23/48, ND 426 furnished press releases issued by Artkino to 'Daily Worker' describing 'Village Teacher'.

"#Coholan report, Ny, 12/20/48, Re: Artkino, Int. Sec. - R."

The above is based on the report of Special Agent ROBERT W. COHOLAN dated December 20, 1948 at New York in the case entitled ~~ARTKINO PICTURES, INC.~~, Internal Security - R.

On page 3 the following appears:

"The Artkino release "ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV" was reviewed by the writer at the Stanley Theater on December 4, 1948. There was no indication on the screen by way of a trailer either at the beginning or conclusion of the picture that Artkino was the registered agent of a foreign principal"

On page 4 of referenced report the following appears:

"On October 11, 1947, Confidential Informant T-6 advised that he had attended a showing of the Artkino release "The Taras Family" at the headquarters of District No. 21, Communist Party, St. Louis, Missouri. Informant stated the film failed to show that it was in the nature of propaganda or that it had been registered with any department of the United States government...."

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There appears on page 3 the following:

On May 14, 1946, Confidential Informant T-3 stated ~~NAPOLI~~ departed from Brownsville, Texas, for Mexico City. ~~NAPOLI~~ claimed Mexican citizenship on this trip and was allowed to depart without travel papers. On May 22, 1946, Confidential Informant T-3 advised ~~NAPOLI~~ returned to Brownsville from Mexico and had declared American citizenship on passenger declaration".

The report of Agent COHOLAN indicates the following on page 5: b7D

"On July 23, 1948, Confidential Informant [ ] furnished press releases issued by Artkino to the 'DAILY WORKER' describing the current picture 'VILLAGE TEACHER' playing at the Stanley Theater....."

The report of Agent COHOLAN described above bears the stamp indicating that it was received by the Division of Records, Department of Justice, January 26, 1949, and a similar stamp indicates that it was received by the Criminal Division of the Department on the same date. The first page of the report bears the notation in pen - "FILE WF". The report bears Department of Justice file No. 149-299. (u)

The data slip identified as Q-16 is as follows:

Q-16

"~~ELI~~ POTASH, was

"On 7/19/48 subject phoned Confidential Informant [ ]

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[redacted] stated that Jeremiah Feingold stocks various Russian art goods, books, music and literature. [redacted]

"MORRIS SAXTON, manager of the Granada Theatre, Los Angeles, telephonically contacted this office on 10/20/48 and advised that subject had contacted him re renting the theatre to show a Russian musical film. SAXTON advised that he contacted POTASH's home on 10/23 and was informed by woman who answered that POTASH could be reached at [redacted]

"Subject associating with Serge de Toulouff, owner of 'World in Music' store, 1507 North Western Ave., Los Angeles. In a letter to Soviet Consulate - 10/31/47, De Toulouff's wife, Gania, requested that her Soviet citizenship be reinstated and that she be permitted to return to Russia. The 'World in Music' store has been subject of several complaints received by this office to the effect that it may be cover for other activities. These suspicions appear to be based on fact that store does little business and that there appears to be considerable activity in room at rear of the building. b7D

"#Ronksley, Los Angeles, 12/16/48, Re: EP, Int. Sec. - R."

The above information is based on the report of Special Agent ROBERT I. RONKSLEY dated December 16, 1948, at Los Angeles entitled ELI POTASH, Was., Internal Security - R.

On page 1 the following appears:

"By reference letter it was revealed that on July 19, 1948, a unknown man had attempted to contact [redacted]

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"On July 21, 1948, the informant advised of the above telephone call as previously reported by [redacted] The informant stated that on July 20, 1948, [redacted]

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On page 2 the following appears:

"Informant advised that on the following day he [redacted]

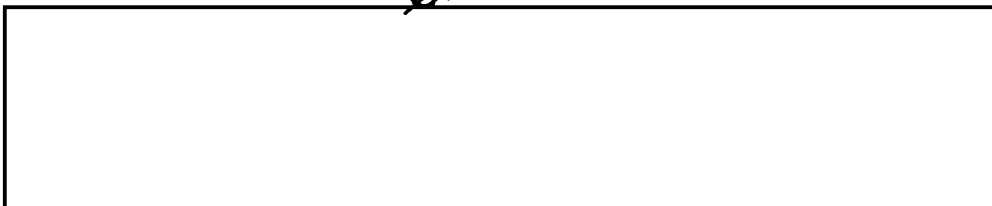
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On page 3 there appears:

".....Informant stated that [redacted]

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Continuing on page 3 there appears:

"By referenced letter [redacted] stated that JEREMIAH FEINGOLD is the operator of RUSSKY KUSTAR, a Russian craft store located at 1204 Divisadero Street, San Francisco. FEINGOLD stocks various Russian art goods, books, music and literature.



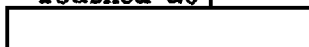
The following appears on page 13 of the report of Special Agent ROBERT I. RONKSLEY:

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"MORRIS SAXTON, Manager of the Granada Theater, 1044 Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, telephonically contacted this office on October 20, 1948, and advised that the subject who stated he was manager of the Western Roy Allan Corporation, 10512 Blythe Avenue, Los Angeles, contacted him that date with the purpose in mind of renting the Granada Theater. He stated that POTASH advised that he desired to rent the theater for the purpose of showing a Russian musical film for four days, November 4-7, 1948. SAXTON stated that POTASH expressed the desire to use all the regular theater employees during the showing of this picture."

Page 14 of Agent RONKSLEY's report reflects the following:

"At about 3:00 p.m., October 22, 1948, POTASH telephonically contacted SAXTON and advised that they could not contact the individual whose final word was necessary and that he would stop at 2:00 p.m. the following day to sign the contract. SAXTON advised that on October 23, 1948, POTASH did not call and did not appear as previously arranged and that he attempted to contact POTASH at his home. On contacting POTASH's home he was informed by the woman who answered that POTASH could be reached at [redacted]

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Page 14 also reflects:

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[redacted] was interviewed on November 12, 1948, and advised he knew POTASH through a business relationship and that POTASH had recently been granted a license by ~~INTOURIST~~ from Moscow to ship parcels to Russia. [redacted]

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Page 15 sets forth a list of individuals with whom ELI POTASH is known to have been associated.

Page 16 reflects the following:

GANIA DE TOULOFF

"SERGE de TOULOFF - The files of the Los Angeles Office reveal that SERGE de TOULOFF is owner of the store "World In Music", 1507 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California. He resides at 1119 North Hicks Avenue, Los Angeles, California and was born November 15, 1891 at Navatcherkasky, Russia. He immigrated to the United States from Cherbourg, France, arriving in New York on February 3, 1927, under the name SERGE GURERMAN. He filed Declaration of Intentions in Brooklyn, New York on August 7, 1935 and was admitted to citizenship at Los Angeles on July 12, 1940. In a letter to the Soviet Consulate dated October 31, 1947, De TOULOFF's wife, GANIA, requested that her Soviet citizenship be reinstated and that she be permitted to return to Russia. The "World In Music" store has been the subject of several complaints received by this office to the effect that this organizations may be used as a cover for other activities. These suspicions appear to be based on the fact that the store does little business and there appears to be considerable activity in a room at the rear of the building".

The report of Special Agent ROBERT I. RONKSLEY dated December 16, 1948, at Los Angeles [from which the above material has been quoted bears the stamp indicating it was received by the Division of Records, Department of Justice on January 31, 1949, and a stamp indicating it was received by the Criminal Division on the same date. The Department of Justice file number is 146-1-12-1374. The notation in ink "FILE - JC" appears on the front page of this report and there are numerous pencilled markings appearing in the margin generally where the quoted material appears.] (u)

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The data slip identified as Q-17 is as follows:

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"Subject interviewed at NY office by writer and SA Wirth from 2:15 to 4:30 PM on 11/10/48. Interviewed in detail re identity and whereabouts of his family. Date of birth established as 12-2-95 at NY. Claimed not to know actual date of birth up to time of interview. Admitted that at time of passport application, he must have known he added to age but not knowing true age and with habit of stating birth as 1885, he used this date. Wife does not know his true birthdate.

DR. Robert Lincoln ~~LESLIE~~ stated Russians refuse to cooperate with him in any way. He has written Embassy but received no reply re disposal of material. He said he is not in correspondence with Russians for over a year and has not received any communication from Russia. Said material used to come to him via diplomatic pouch. Re contacts with individual Russians, ~~LESLIE~~ said that since departure of ~~Fedotov~~ and ~~Fedosimov~~, he has had no contacts with any Russians. Knew Vladimir ~~Byzkin~~. Never had any contact with Yakov Lomakin, of whom he had a very poor opinion. ~~LESLIE~~ deplored the suspicious and hostile attitude of Russians and felt that the cause of friction between US and USSR lay with Russians. Said that he is now "persona non grata" with the Russians, e. g., in 11-7-48 he, though not invited, accompanied Dr. ~~JULIUS HYMAN~~, to the Embassy's reception. While there, one of the Russians -- ~~Striganov~~ -- called ~~HYMAN~~ aside and asked what he meant by bringing to the Embassy "an Americanski agent."

"Re ~~ANATOLE GROMOV~~, ~~LESLIE~~ said he had difficulty placing ~~GROMOV~~ but believes he was one of the Russians several years ago for whom he made hotel reservations. Re ~~PAVEL MIKHAILOV~~, ~~LESLIE~~ said his contacts with him only concerned receiving of American Medical Society material in the diplomatic pouch. Believes also, on occasion, wrote letters to ~~MIKHAILOV~~ recommending various persons for Russian visas. Said that his most important Russian contacts was with Dr. ~~VLADIMIR LEBENDENKO~~; ~~LESLIE~~'s work with ~~LEBEND~~. concerned medicine and science. ~~LESLIE~~ said Dr. ~~STUART MUDD~~'s only interest is science and medicine; that at time of ~~MUDD~~'s visit to Russia, ~~MUDD~~ not fully convinced that Russians were accomplishing much until he happened to see a blood machine, the same type which he and another American doctor had invented. The Russians had his and an enlarged and greatly improved model which they had devised. ~~LESLIE~~ termed ~~MUDD~~ 'a good Republican.' ~~LESLIE~~ mentioned that ~~SIGERIST~~ was in Switzerland at present time.

DR. HENRY

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"LESLIE was very cooperative during the interview and was quite outspoken. He said he is not ashamed nor apologetic about any of his associates or contacts. He said he is personally a strong adherent of the American constitution and American principles, and he believes it inherent in our system to have the right to criticize. He reported that his previous CP voting registrations were evidence of his desire to criticize and protest. He offered all cooperation to the Bureau and said that his files are open to the Bureau at any time and that he will be pleased to provide any info in his possession at any time.

"Inasmuch as this investigation has not disclosed any indication of espionage activities, it is being closed subject to being reopened.

"#Wirth, NY, 11/26/48, Re: Dr. RLL, Int. Sec. - R."

The above is based on the report of Special Agent RAYMOND P. WIRTH dated November 26, 1948, at New York, entitled - "Dr. ROBERT LINCOLN LESLIE, Was.; Internal Security - R:"

On page 2 the following appears:

"Subject was interviewed at the New York Office by the writer and Special Agent ROBERT J. WIRTH from 2:15 to 4:30 p.m. on November 10, 1948. LESLIE was interviewed in detail about his identity and whereabouts of his brothers and sisters as well as his parents....."

The synopsis of the report reads in part:

"..... Date of birth established as 12-2-95 at New York and subject's true identity as ABRAHAM or RUBIN ~~LASTER~~. LESLIE claimed not to know actual date of birth up to time of interview and stated that numerous circumstances, including marriage caused him to over-state age all his life. Admitted at time of passport application he must have known he had added to age but not knowing true age and with habit of stating birth as 1885, he used this date....."

On page 9 the following appears:

"The Russians refused to cooperate with him in any way. He has written to the Embassy asking what disposals they wish

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him to make of the material but has received no reply. He stated that he is not in correspondence with the Russians now and for well over a year has not received any communication from Russians. He stated the material used to come to him via diplomatic pouch but he has not received any for many months. He said for a long time any material which he has forwarded to Russia has gone at his own and the society's expense. He said this has been exclusively medical literature. He pointed out that in the last year and a half the quality of the Russian material has been very low and thoroughly unscientific, hence, unsuitable for publication.

"Concerning his contacts with individual Russians, LESLIE said that since the departure of FEDOTOV and FEDASIMOV he has had no contacts with any Russians. He knows VLADIMIR BYZKIN and has written him concerning the above mentioned material but has received no reply. He has never had any contact with YAKOV LOMAKIN, former Consul General, and added that he had a very poor opinion of him. LESLIE deplored the suspicious and hostile attitude of the Russians and felt that the cause of this friction between the United States and Russia lay on the side of the Russians. He said that their policies of non-cooperation were stupid and short-sighted and that the Russians are foolish in not seeing that they, through cultural exchange of information and students, would be greatly benefited.

"LESLIE said that he himself now is persona non grata. He illustrated by saying that on November 7, 1948, he was not invited to the Embassy reception, however, Dr. JULIUS HYMAN, editor of the Society's magazine was invited and LESLIE accompanied him to the reception at Washington. While they were there one of the Russians, namely, STRIGANOV, called Dr. HYMAN aside and asked him what he meant by bringing to the Embassy 'an AMERICANSKI Agent'. He told Dr. HYMAN that LESLIE had no right to be present therefore LESLIE and HYMAN left the reception and shortly afterwards returned by plane to New York.

"Concerning ANATOLI GROMOV, LESLIE said he had difficulty placing GROMOV but believed that he was one of the Russians several years ago for whom he made hotel reservations. He said that this was one of the numerous courtesies he extended to the Russians and added that he does not believe that he ever had any kind of business with GROMOV other than the above or society business.

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"Concerning PAVEL MIKHAILOV, LESLIE said that his contact with him only concerned the receiving of society material in the diplomatic pouch. He said he believes also that he on occasions wrote letters to MIKHAILOV recommending various persons for Russian visas.

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"LESLIE said that in all his relations with the Russians his most important contact was with Dr. VLADIMIR LEBENDENKO. However, he added that all his work with LEBENDENKO concerned medicine and science.

"LESLIE made brief comments about Dr. STUART MIDD and said that MIDD's only interest is science and medicine. He pointed out that Dr. MIDD at the time of their visit to Russia was not fully convinced that the Russians were accomplishing much until he happened to see a blood machine the same type which he and another American doctor had invented. The Russians had his and an enlarged and greatly improved model which they had devised. LESLIE termed Dr. MIDD a 'good Republican'.

"LESLIE mentioned that Dr. HENRY SIGERIST was in Switzerland at the present time.....

"LESLIE was very cooperative during the interview and was outspoken. He said that he is not ashamed or apologetic about any of his associates or contacts. He said he is well acquainted with some Communists and some ultra-conservatives as well as numerous liberal thinkers like himself. He said it is one of his purposes in the Society to get to the Russians some concept of American democracy and the progress that can be attained by it. He said that he is personally a strong adherent to the American Constitution and American principles and believes it inherent in our system to have the right to criticize. He reported that his previous Communist Party voting registrations were evidence of his desire to criticize and protest. He offered all cooperation to the Bureau and said that his files are open to the Bureau at any time and that he will be pleased to provide any information in his possession at any time.

"Inasmuch as this investigation has not disclosed any indication of espionage activities, it is being closed subject to being reopened should further information warrant it."

The report from which the above information has been extracted bears Department of Justice File No. 149-3311. A stamp indicates that the report was received by the Division of Records, Department of Justice on January 24, (u)

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The data slip designated as Q-18 is as follows:

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"Source A has advised that subject, ~~PIAZZA DONATELLO~~ #25, Florence, Italy, is attempting to enter US. She applied in Florence for passport, attaching letter from ~~WILLIAM H. SANDERS~~, former US soldier, who desires subject to enter US for purpose of marrying him. On 7-11-46 subject previously made effort to obtain Italian passport in order to represent firm of Pietro Bazzanti & Son, of Florence, in Los Angeles.

"Subject's departure from Italy opposed by Italian Intelligence authorities on grounds she was an enemy agent suspect. Passport denied her.

"During German occupation of Italy, subject was under surveillance of Italian Counter Intelligence and was suspected of espionage on behalf of Tito's Partisans. Was mistress of man employed by Allies as an undercover agent, who was suspected of being a double agent. At present time subject suspected of being agent of ~~UZNA~~ and is under surveillance.

"~~Glascok~~, NY, 4-21-47, Re: Lidia Pavil ~~De Pavigli~~ ~~Tacconi~~), Int. Sec. - R.

"William Henry ~~Sanders~~, residing at 547 W 123rd Street, NYC, since 2/46.

"In 4/48 received letter from subject, postmarked Florence. Lawrence Francis ~~Kent~~, who wrote affidavit of agreeability to support subject to prevent her from becoming ward of the state if her US entry is permitted, resided at 46 W. 73rd St. NYC, for approximately two years; departed for Mexico 6/27/48.

"Nummey, 12/9/48, Re: L P D, Int. Sec. - R."

The foregoing is based on the reports of Special Agent J. HAROLD GLASCOOK dated April 21, 1947, at New York and WILLIAM E. NUMMEY dated December 9, 1948, at New York in the case entitled - LIDIA PAVIL DE PAVIGLI (TACCONI), Internal Security - R.

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Special Agent GLASCOOK's report reads on page 1 as follows:

"Reference Bureau letter states that Source A has advised that LIDIA PAVIL DE PAVIGLI (TACCONI), PIAZZA DONATELLO #25, Florence, Italy, is attempting to enter the United States. She applied to the Questura in Florence for a passport attaching to her application a letter supposedly from WILLIAM H. SANDERS, 547 West 125th Street, Apartment 40 ?, New York, New York, who presumably was once a member of the U. S. armed forces. Letter states that SANDERS desires that subject be permitted to enter the United States for the purpose of marrying him.

"On July 11, 1946, the subject previously made an effort to obtain an Italian passport. To this was attached a letter from S. A. PIETRO BAZZANTI, a firm of Florence, Italy, stating that the subject was commissioned to represent their firm in Los Angeles, California. She stated that the consent of her husband, ALBERTO TACCONI, was not necessary since she had been granted a legal separation by the Tribunale of Livorno on July 3, 1946, Decree #994.

"The records do not substantiate this decree and her proposed departure is opposed by Italian Intelligence authorities on the grounds that she was an enemy agent suspect. The passport was denied her.

"During German occupation of Italy DE PAVIGLI was under surveillance of Italian Counter Intelligence and she was suspected of espionage on behalf of Tito partisans.

"On February 9, 1944, she was arrested and released through the intervention of a German officer by whom she was employed as an interpreter.

"DE PAVIGLI was the mistress of a man employed by the allies as an undercover agent who was suspected as actually being a double agent. At the present time the subject is suspected of being an agent of OZNA and is under surveillance."

The report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. NUMMEY in the above captioned matter dated December 9, 1948, at New York contains the following synopsis:

"WILLIAM HENRY SANDERS residing at 547 West 123rd Street, New York City since February, 1946. In April, 1948, he

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received a letter from LIDIA ~~TACCONI~~, postmarked Florence, Italy. LAWRENCE F. ~~KENT~~ resided at 46 W. 73rd Street, New York City for approximately two years. Departed for Mexico June 27, 1948, via automobile. Background data on SANDERS and KENT set out."

On page 2 of the report of Agent NUMMEY there is reflected that information received from Source A indicated that PAVIL DE PAVIGLI (~~TACCONI~~) had in her possession "an Affidavit of Agreeability by LAWRENCE F. KENT, 46 West 73rd Street, New York City to support LIDIA ~~TACCONI~~ to prevent her from becoming a ward of the state if her United States entry is permitted."

The above referred to reports bear Department of Justice file number 146-1-51-1584. A stamp on them indicates that they were received by the Division of Records, Department of Justice on January 7, 1949, and were received on the same day by the Criminal Division of the Department. Both reports bear the stamp notation - "FILE-JC". (u)

The data slip designated as Q-19 reads as follows:

Q-19

"T-2 advised on 5/20/48 that Victor ~~Afanasiev~~ was in contact with subject and made arrangements to have dinner with him the following evening at 7. T-2 was present during conversation between subject and Constantine ~~Korneff~~ on 5/25/48 in which subject discussed this meeting with Afanasiev and told Korneff 'We had visitors from San Fran. Had a lovely visit. If for the past years we had received as much warmth as he left with us now our souls would not be so heavy.' T-2 has also been able to furnish info re a meeting between subject and Constantine ~~Efremov~~ shortly before closing of Russian Consulates. According to T-2, subj. met Efremov at St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood on 7/9/48. During meeting Efremov asked ~~Michael~~ to get in touch with Julian ~~Brodetzky~~ for him and have Brod. see him the following morning. Later on 7/9, it is known to this source that subject contacted Brod. According to T-2, this conversation between subject and Brod took place where others could have over heard the conversation and accordingly Michael took pains to cover up Efr's identity. As well as T-2 remembers, the conversation was: 'A cousin of mine is here from San Fran staying at the St. Francis. He expressed desire to see you. I suggest you call him tomorrow before 10.' T-2 also knew that on 7/10 Brod. got together with Michael again before he went to

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Efr. and then reported to subject after he'd seen Efr. He reported that he felt much better mentally after his meeting with Efr.

"T-2 has furnished info over the past four months which would indicate that Michael and Clara Walden active in 59th Section of L. A. County CP.

"#Brown, LA, 1/13/49 Re: MW and Clara W."

The above is based on the report of Special Agent FLOYD W. BROWN dated January 13, 1949 at Los Angeles, entitled - MICHAEL ALEXANDER BORNSTEIN WALDER, wa.; CLARA WALDEN, wa., Internal Security - R.

On page 2 the following appears:

"Los Angeles T-2 advised that on May 20, 1948, VICTOR AFANASIEV was in contact with MICHAEL WALDEN and made arrangements to have dinner with him the following evening at 7:00 p.m.

".....

"Los Angeles T-2 was present in the conversation between MICHAEL WALDEN and CONSTANTINE KORNEFF on May 25, 1948 in which MICHAEL discussed this meeting with AFANASIEV. According to LA T-2 he told KORNEFF - 'We had visitors from San Francisco. Had a lovely visit. If for the past few years we had received as much warmth as he left with us now our souls would not be so heavy'.

".....

"LA T-2 has also been able to furnish information concerning a meeting that took place between CONSTANTINE A. EFREMOV and MICHAEL WALDEN shortly before the closing of all the Russian Consulates in this country. According to this source, MICHAEL met with EFREMOV at the St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood, California, on July 9, 1948. During the meeting EFREMOV asked MICHAEL to get in touch with JULIAN BRODETSKY for him and have BRODETSKY see him the following morning.

"Late on July 9, it is known to this source that MICHAEL did contact BRODETSKY and advise him of EFREMOV's request. The conversation between MICHAEL and BRODETSKY took place, according to LA T-2, in a place where others could have overheard the conversation and, accordingly, MICHAEL took pains

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to cover the identity of EFREMOV. As well as LA T-2 can remember, the conversation was as follows: - A cousin of mine is here from San Francisco staying at the St. Francis Hotel in Hollywood. He expressed a desire to see you. I suggest you call him tomorrow before 10:00 a.m. JULIAN then asked for the name of the cousin and MICHAEL told him it was CONSTANTINE ALEXSEEVICH. He told BRODETSKY he had just visited with him himself earlier that day.

"LA T-2 also knew that on July 10, 1948, BRODETSKY got together with MICHAEL again before he went to CONSTANTINE EFREMOV and then reported to MICHAEL after he had seen EFREMOV. He reported that he felt much better mentally after his meeting with EFREMOV.

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"LA T-2 has furnished information over the past four months which would indicate that MICHAEL and CLARA are presently active in the 59th Section of the Los Angeles County Communist Party."

The report of Agent BROWN from which the above material was quoted reflects a stamp indicating it was received in the Division of Records, Department of Justice, January 31, 1949, and a stamp reflects that it was received by the Criminal Division of the Department on the same date. The report also bears the pencil notation - "FILE JC". The Department of Justice File number is 146-7-12-1125. (u)

In addition to the above described report, the Department of Justice file contains the following reports all of which bear the stamp - "FILE-JC" on the first page: (u)

Report of Special Agent M. DONALD AIDRICH dated May 14, 1948, at Los Angeles,  
Report of Special Agent FLOYD W. BROWN dated June 24, 1947, at Los Angeles;  
Report of Special Agent F. W. BROWN dated January 22, 1947, at Los Angeles,  
Report of Special Agent FLOYD W. BROWN dated October 31, 1946, Los Angeles, (u)  
Report of Special Agent WILBERT JOHN WEISKIRCH dated October 16, 1946, at San Francisco,  
Report of Special Agent F. W. BROWN, dated July 19, 1946, at Los Angeles;

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Report of Special Agent GEORGE D. THOMSON dated July 19, 1946  
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Report of Special Agent GEORGE THOMSON dated June 12, 1946,  
Los Angeles,  
Report of Special Agent FLOYD W. BROWN, dated April 16, 1946,  
Los Angeles,  
Report of Special Agent FLOYD W. BROWN, dated November 14, 1945,  
Los Angeles,  
Report of Special Agent FLOYD W. BROWN dated September 4, 1945,  
Los Angeles,  
Report of Special Agent FLOYD W. BROWN dated June 18, 1945,  
Los Angeles,  
Report of Special Agent FLOYD W. BROWN dated January 30, 1945,  
Los Angeles,  
Report of Special Agent MERLE T. TEGARDEN dated October 24,  
1944 at Los Angeles,  
Report of Special Agent SIMON E. LOCHER dated February 24, 1943,  
at Los Angeles, (u)  
Report of Special Agent MATTHEW J. O'BRIEN dated January 8, 1943,  
at Newark,  
Report of BAILEY M. STANFIELD dated October 16, 1942, at  
Los Angeles,  
Report of Special Agent V. I. PARRY dated March 26, 1942,  
Los Angeles,  
Report of Special Agent G. C. THOMPSON dated October 30, 1941  
at New York.

The data slip designated at Q-20 reflects the following:

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"BORIS ATANASSOFF EVANOFF, GUGOFF, Was. JACK EVANOFF, JACK  
EVANS, BORIS ATANASSOFF, etc.

"Source A stated subject a Bulgarian citizen in Los Angeles,  
recently met TSEKO ETROPOISKY Bulgarian Second Secy, Bulg.  
Legation and representative of Bulgarian CP. Informant  
revealed subject worked with ETR in Bulgarian Intelligence  
matters on Est Coast and in Aug. 1948 subject living  
with Etr. in Washington. ETROPOISKY had arranged to supply  
subject with letter from Legation to effect that subject was  
acting in capacity of diplomatic courier and requesting all  
foreign governments to extend to him all possible aid regardless  
of fact that person not in possession of diplomatic passport  
nor would he in any way qualify as courier. This action of Etr.  
most unusual, Source A stated. It is conceivable that the

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pouch which Etr. is preparing for subject to take back to Bulgaria may include reports to the govt by both Dr. Mevorah and Etr. which they would not have trusted to the ordinary mail.

"Files of Los Angeles Office reveal subject previously came to attention of LA Office in case Re ATANAS SIMOFF KATCHAMAKOFF, Espionage - R, in which LA is office of origin of a pending investigation. On 12-30-47 Source B revealed that KATCHAMAKOFF while in conversation with an unidentified woman was asked whether or not he knew BORIS ATANASSOV. Katch. stated he wanted to talk to Boris re some medicines which he has for the Bulgarian Govt.

"Subject reported on 10-5-48 to have reached Sofia.

"RONKSLEY, Los Angeles, 12-3-48, Re: BAEG, Was, Int. Sect. -R (Bulgarian)"

The foregoing is based on the report of Special Agent ROBERT I. RONKSLEY dated December 5, 1948 at Los Angeles, California, entitled, BORIS ATANASSOFF EVANOFF GOUGOFF, Was., Internal Security - R, Bulgarian. Page 2 reflects the following:

"Source A revealed by referenced teletype that GOUGOFF was a Bulgarian citizen whose residence was 141 North Avenue 64, Los Angeles and that he recently met TSEKO ETROPOLSKY, Bulgarian Second Secretary of the Bulgarian Legation and representative of the Bulgarian Communist Party. The informant revealed that GOUGOFF worked with ETROPOLSKY in Bulgarian Intelligence matters on the West Coast and that at the time of the teletype the subject was in Washington, D. C., residing with ETROPOLSKY."

On page 9 of referenced report there appears the following:

"On or about August 10, BORIS ATANASSOFF appeared in Washington and called at the Legation. It was revealed that he had been in close touch with ETROPOLSKY ever since the latter's visit to Los Angeles and that ETROPOLSKY had made all arrangements regarding reservations for a trip to Bulgaria for him. ETROPOLSKY had also arranged to supply the subject with a letter from the Legation to the effect that he was acting in the capacity of diplomatic courier and requesting all foreign governments to extend to him all possible aid regardless of the fact that this person was not in possession of a diplomatic passport nor did he in any way qualify as a courier. This action of ETROPOLSKY was considered most unusual; Source A stated....."

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On page 9 there also appears the following:

"It is Source A's impression that the subject has for a great many years associated himself with the progressive (Communists) elements among the Bulgarian groups in this country and definitely has established a good reputation among them. ETROPOLSKY met him during a visit to Los Angeles and evidently considers him sufficiently trustworthy to entrust him with a pouch of diplomatic mail. ATANASSOFF is of advanced age and has been in this country for approximately forty years. It was conceivable that the pouch which ETROPOLSKY is preparing to take back to Bulgaria may include reports to the government by both Dr. MEVORAH and ETROPOLSKY which they would not have trusted to the ordinary mail."

On page 4 of the report of Special Agent ROBERT I. RONKSLEY, the following appears:

"The files of the Los Angeles Office reveal that the subject of this case previously came to the attention of the Los Angeles Office in the case entitled, "ATANAS SIMOFF KATCHAMAKOFF, Espionage - R' in which the Los Angeles Office is the office of origin of a pending investigation. KATCHAMAKOFF was born January 31, 1898 in Lescovetz, Bulgaria, and presently resides at 8530 Louise Avenue, Northridge, California."

"On December 30, 1947, Source B revealed that KATCHAMAKOFF while in conversation with an unidentified woman was asked whether or not he knew BORIS ATANASSOV who recently arrived in Los Angeles from San Francisco and resides at 141 North Avenue 64, telephone Cleveland 63535. KATCHAMAKOFF stated that he wanted to talk to BORIS about some medicine which he had for the Bulgarian government. Source B then revealed that KATCHAMAKOFF attempted to contact BORIS at Cleveland 63535 at which time he was advised that the subject did not reside at that address and could not be reached."

The synopsis of this report reflects in part:

"..... Subject departed for Liverpool, England, August 28, 1948, with destination Sofia, Bulgaria, reportedly carrying diplomatic pouch containing information regarding Bulgarian intelligence matters to US. Reported on October 5, 1948, to have reached Sofia, Bulgaria....."

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The report of Special Agent ROBERT I. RONKSLEY dated December 5, 1948, at Los Angeles, [bears a stamp reflecting that it was received by the Division of Records, Department of Justice on January 25, 1949, and a similar stamp indicates it was received in the Criminal Division on the same date. The Department of Justice file number is 146-1-12-1371 and the first page of Agent RONKSLEY's report bears the pencilled notation, - "File JC" ] (u)

Referral/Consult

The data slip identified as Q-21 is as follows:



The report of Special Agent FRANCIS W. ZANGLE dated November 22, 1948 [reflects Department of Justice File No. 146-1-51-1590 and a stamp indicating that] (u)

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it was received in the Division of Records, Department of Justice on January 13, 1949. It also reflects a stamp - "FILE-JC".

The Department file reflects that on the same date that the above described report was received in the Department of Justice, Division of Records, the report of Special Agent JOHN P. BUSCHER dated December 1, 1948 concerning SATIROV was also received. This report bears the stamp of the Division of Records which does not reflect the file stamp of JUDITH COPLON.

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information:

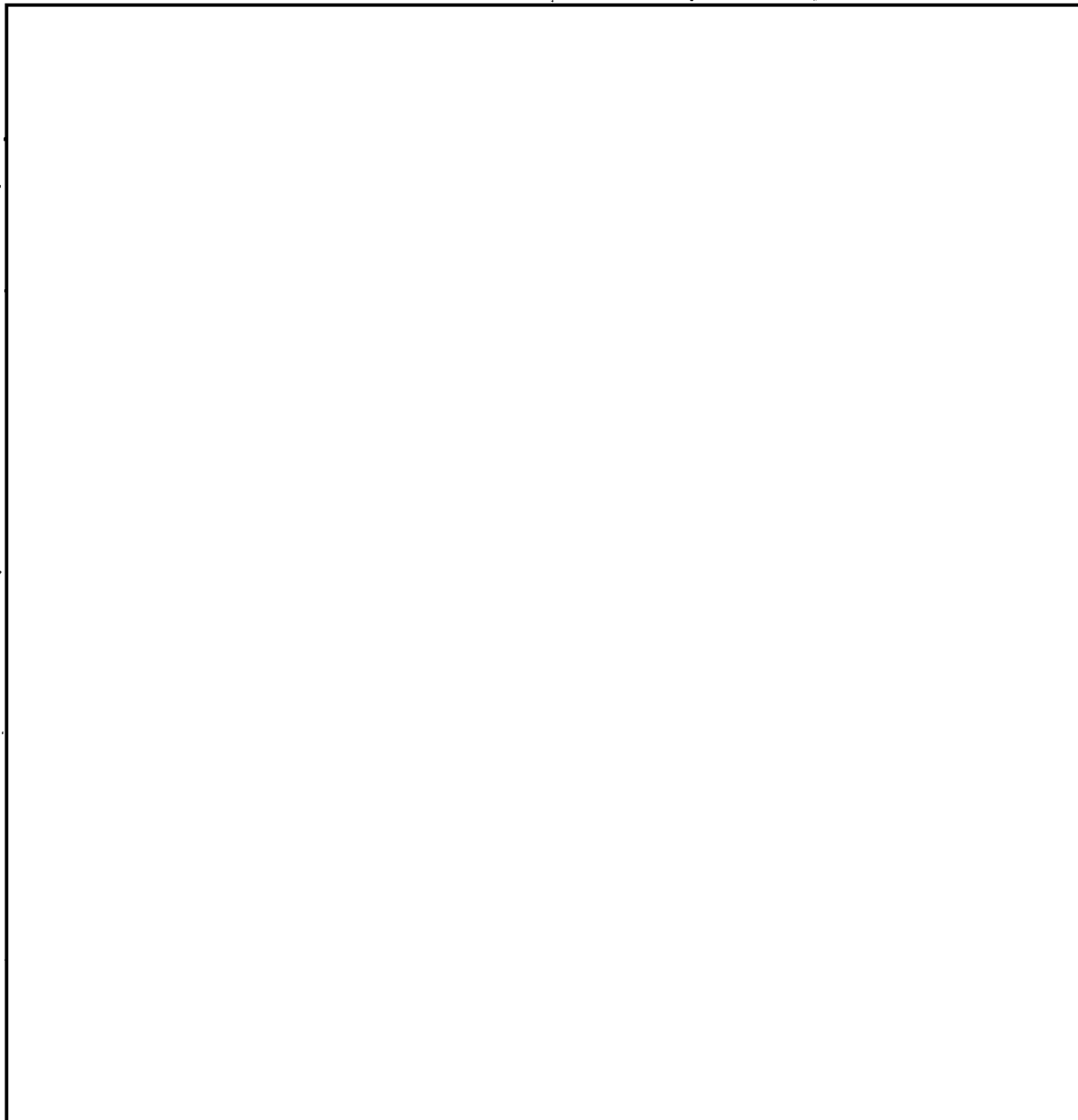
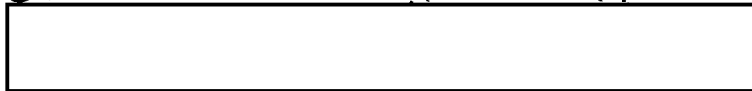


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Of possible interest is a notation appearing on the inside of the file cover that this file was requested by "FOLEY, Room 2212, Criminal Division on February 15, 1949".

Q-23

The data slip designated as Q-23 reflects the following:

"Eugenio ~~Chavez~~

"EP T-1, advised that subject employed as barber at White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico. Informant of opinion that subject never intended going to Los Alamos but instead to White Sands. Informant advised that subject requested that none of his Communist friends contact him in El Paso because he was afraid of being watched. Informant stated that it was expected that subject would be able to get photos and other info re the activities of the White Sands Proving Grounds and that if this were done, such info would be subsequently transmitted to the Russian Embassy in Mexico, DF. Informant not aware of proposed method of transmission.

"Johns, El Paso, Texas, 11/18/48, Re: Eugenio Chavez, was, E. Orta, Eugenio Orta, Espionage-R; Security matters-C."

The above is based on the report of Special Agent FREDERICK A. JOHNS, dated November 18, 1948, at El Paso, Texas, entitled EUGENIO CHAVEZ, was., ESPIONAGE - R, SECURITY MATTER - C.

The first page of this report reflects the following:

"EP T-1, a reliable confidential informant, advised that this subject was employed as a barber at the

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White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico, located some forty miles North of El Paso.

"This informant further stated that he now was of the opinion that the subject never intended to go to Los Alamos, New Mexico, but instead to White Sands which was near the town of Alamogordo, New Mexico. It appeared to this informant that confusion existed in that the name Los Alamos was mistaken for the name Alamogordo. EP T-1 further advised that the subject had requested that none of his Communist friends contact him in El Paso because he and his family were at White Sands and he was afraid of being watched. This informant further stated it was expected that the subject would be able to get photographs and other information regarding the activities of the White Sands Proving Grounds, and that if this were done such information would be subsequently transmitted to the Russian Embassy in Mexico, D. C.

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"This informant was not aware of the proposed method of transmission."

The report of Agent JOHNS from which the above is quoted, bears stamps indicating it was received by the Division of Records, Department of Justice, on January 25, 1949, and was received by the Criminal Division of the Department January 26, 1949. It also bears the stamp "FILE JC". (u)

In addition to the above described report, the Department of Justice file, which is file number 146-7-76-161, also contains a photostatic copy of the report concerning EUGENIO CHAVEZ made by Special Agent FREDERICK A. JOHNS, dated September 3, 1948, at El Paso, Texas. This report bears the stamp "FILE JC". (u)

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The data slip identified as Q-24 reflects the following information:

"Irina (Iraida) Efimovna ~~Aleksander~~<sup>K</sup>, was  
Bozhidar Kossimir ~~Aleksander~~, was

"This report predicated on info received from T-1 that subjects (especially Irina), were extremely friendly with officials of Russian Consulate, NYC. On 9/29/45, Irina conferred with PAVEL MIKHAILOV, at Consulate, stating that she wanted him to know that she was always ready to help him as much as she could and in whatever way he might require. (Bureau emphasis).

"#Murphy, NYC, 5/29/46, Re: IEA etc., Int. Sec. - R, Refer 5 IS"

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"Bernard Koten, Research Director of American Institute, is friend and contact of William Hermann Eckart Johnson and his wife Annette F. Johnson, who are employed at present on the Secret Russian Desk of the War Dpt, Washington, DC and who are suspected of giving out info to the NKVD.

"#Murphy, 9/5/46"

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"Additional data received re subject Irina further indicating she may be Russian espionage agent. One anonymous letter indicates she acted as Russian agent in Yugo and Austria prior to coming to US and that she caused her first husband, a Russian officer, to be executed.

"#Murphy, 5/12/47"

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"Irina corresponded with one Major Karl ~~Nurk~~,  
British Army, who was stationed with British  
Military Mission in Bulgaria in Oct. 1945.  
"Murphy, 10/7/47"

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"On 11/28/47, [ ] advised that Milica ~~Banac~~,  
a wealthy widow of Serbian descent who lives  
in Hampshire House, recently contacted the  
Croatian sculptor ~~Mestrovic~~, endeavored to per-  
suade him to return to Yugo. Banac allegedly  
informed Mestrovic that Irina Aleksander has a  
big job here, is very powerful and that they all  
should be very careful not to get in trouble  
with her." [ ] advised that previously  
~~Metrovic~~ had been approached in this regard by  
Irina and by Sime ~~Balen~~.  
"Murphy, 2/11/48"

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"Vera Sandomirsky ~~Dunham~~, friend of Irina's. In  
June 1945, [ ]  
[ ] contacted Bureau and reported  
that Vera and her husband Henry Warren ~~Dunham~~ had  
suspicious meetings at their home. U. S. Army  
officers, as many as six or seven, would appear  
at the Dunham home, all carrying brief cases. It  
stated that approximately once a month, an unknown  
civilian, appearing to be a foreigner, attended  
the gatherings at the Dunham residence; when this  
individual appeared, great secrecy was maintained  
at the house, all curtains drawn. Such precautions  
not taken at other gatherings."

"Letcher, Wash. DC. 4/1/48"

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Inasmuch as the information appearing above refers to numerous reports, for the purposes of clarity, the material obtained from the respective reports is being restated.

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"This report predicated on info received from T-1 that subjects (especially Irina), were extremely friendly with officials of Russian Consulate, NYC. On 9/29/45, Irina conferred with Pavel Mikhailov, at Consulate, stating that she wanted him to know that she was always ready to help him as much as she could and in whatever way he might require. (Bureau emphasis).

"#Murphy, NYC, 5/29/46, Re: IEA etc., Int. Sec.-R, Refer 5 IS"

The above is based on information appearing in the report of Special Agent JOHN R. MURPHY dated May 29, 1946, at New York, entitled IRINA (IRAIDA) EFIMOVNA ALEKSANDER, was, ET AL, INTERNAL SECURITY - R, REFER 5 IS. Page two of this report reflects the following:

"This report is predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant T-1 to the effect that the subjects, and especially subject IRINA EFIMOVNA ALEKSANDER, were extremely friendly with officials of the Russian Consulate at 7 East 61st Street, New York City."

On Page four of this report the following appears:

"Again on September 29, 1945, Mrs. ALEKSANDER conferred with MIKHAILOV stating that she would like to see him. MIKHAILOV begged off, advising that he was very busy now due to Marshal ZHUKOV's arrival. MIKHAILOV then inquired about the health of Mrs. ALEKSANDER's husband, BOZHIDAR. Then Mrs. ALEKSANDER stated to MIKHAILOV that she wanted him

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to know that she was always ready to help him as much as she could and in whatever way he might require.

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"(It is to be noted that PAVEL MIKHAILOV has been reliably identified by a Bureau informant as being in charge of Red Army espionage and as having lent suggestions which resulted in a Red Army espionage apparatus set up in Canada.)"

Agent MURPHY's report, dated May 29, 1946, at New York, [bears stamps indicating it was received by the Department of Justice, Division of Records, January 25, 1949, and received by the Criminal Division January 26, 1949. The file bears an inked notation "File JC".] (u)

Q-24 (2)

"Bernard ~~Koten~~, Research Director of American Russian Institute, is friend and contact of William Hermann Eckart Johnson and his wife Annette F. Johnson, who are employed at present on the Secret Russian Desk of the War Dpt, Washington, DC and who are suspected of giving out info to the NKVD.

"#Murphy, 9/5/46"

The above is based on the report of Special Agent JOHN R. MURPHY, dated September 5, 1946, at New York, entitled IRINA (IRAIKA) ~~EFIMOVNA ALEKSANDER~~, was; BOZHIDAR KOESIMIR (THEODOR) ~~ALEKSANDER~~, was., INTERNAL SECURITY - R, REFER 5 IS.

On Page 16 of this report the following appears:

"Re: ~~BERNARD L. KOTEN~~

"On July 31, 1946, Confidential Informant T-6 advised that BERNARD L. KOTEN [redacted]

[redacted] that he could be reached

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at the telephone number Plaza 9-6826, which is listed to IRINA N. BOZHIDAR/ALEKSANDER. KOTEN is Research Director of the American Russian Institute in New York and is known to have been in Russia from 1932 to 1937, allegedly engaged in the training of Russian secret service agents. KOTEN is also a friend and contact of WILLIAM HERMANN ECKART JOHNSON and his wife, ANNETTE F. JOHNSON, who are presently employed on the Secret Russian desk of the War Department, Washington, D. C., and who are suspected of giving out information to the Russian NKVD."

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Agent MURPHY's report, dated September 5, 1946, [bears the stamp of the Division of Records, Department of Justice, indicating it was received on January 25, 1949, and bears the inked notation "File JC".] (u)

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"Additional data received re subject Irina further indicating she may be Russian espionage agent. One anonymous letter indicates she acted as Russian agent in Yugo and Austria prior to coming to US and that she caused her first husband, a Russian officer, to be executed.

"#Murphy, 5/12/47"

The above is based upon the report of Special Agent JOHN R. MURPHY, dated May 12, 1947, at New York entitled IRINA (IRAIDA) EFIMOVNA ALEKSANDER, was, ET AL, INTERNAL SECURITY - R, REFER 5 IS". The synopsis of of this report reads as follows:

"Additional data received from some informants concerning subject IRINA ALEKSANDER further indicates she may be a Russian espionage agent. One anonymous letter received indicates she acted

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as a Russian agent in Yugoslavia and Austria prior to coming to the United States and that she caused her first husband, a Russian officer, to be executed. IRINA ALEKSANDER suffered a nervous collapse in February 1947 and was hospitalized as a result."

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"Irina corresponded with one Major Karl Nurf, British Army, who was stationed with British Military Mission in Bulgaria in Oct. 1945.  
#Murphy, 10/7/47"

The above is based upon the report of Special Agent JOHN R. MURPHY, dated October 7, 1947, at New York in the case entitled IRINA (IRAIDA) EFIMOVNA ALEKSANDER, was., ET AL, INTERNAL SECURITY - R, REFER 5 IS. The synopsis of this report in part reads:

".....IRINA ALEKSANDER known to have corresponded with one Major KARL NURK, British Army, who was stationed with the British Military Mission in Bulgaria in October 1945 ..;....."

Agent MURPHY's report dated October 7, 1947, bears stamps indicating it was received by the Records Division of the Department of Justice on January 25, 1949, and the Criminal Division on January 26, 1949. It also bears the inked notation "FILE JC". (u)

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"On 11/28/47, [ ] advised that Milica Banac, a wealthy widow of Serbian descent who lives in

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Hampshire House, recently contacted the Croation sculptor Mestrovic, endeavored to persuade him to return to Yugo. Banac allegedly informed Mestrovic that Irina Aleksander has a big job here, is very powerful and that 'they all should be very careful not to get in trouble with her'. [redacted] advised that previously Mestrovic had been approached in this regard by Irina and by Sime Balen. #Murphy, 2/11/48"

The above is based on the report of Special Agent JOHN R. MURPHY, dated February 11, 1948, at New York in the case entitled IRINA (IRAIDA) EFIMOVNA ALEKSANDER, was., ET AL, INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

On Page two of this report the following appears:

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"On November 28, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished additional information concerning subject IRINA ALEKSANDER. He stated that MILICA BANAC, a wealthy widow of Serbian descent who lives in the Hampshire House, had recently contacted MESTROVIC, a Croation sculptor, now teaching at Syracuse University. She endeavored to persuade MESTROVIC to return to Yugoslavia. In her discussion, Mrs. BANAC allegedly informed MESTROVIC that IRINA ALEKSANDER has a big job here, is very powerful and that 'they all should be very careful not to get in trouble with her'.

[redacted] advised that previously MESTROVIC had been approached in this regard by Mrs. ALEKSANDER and by SIME BALEN. [redacted] explained that MESTROVIC is a noted sculptor, and his return to Yugoslavia after living in the United States would be valuable propaganda."

Agent MURPHY's report, dated February 11, 1948, [bears stamps indicating it was received in the Division of Records, Department of ] (u)

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Justice, on January 25, 1949, and received by the Criminal Division of the Department on January 26, 1949. It also bears the inked notation "FILE JC" (u)

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"Vera Sandomirsky Dunham, friend of Irina's. In June 1945, [redacted] (U)

[redacted] contacted Bureau and reported that Vera and her husband Henry Warren Dunham had suspicious meetings at their home. U. S. Army officers, as many as six or seven, would appear at the Dunham home, all carrying brief cases. It stated that approximately once a month, an unknown civilian, appearing to be a foreigner, attended the gatherings at the Dunham residence; when this individual appeared, great secrecy was maintained at the house, all curtains drawn. Such precautions not taken at other gatherings.

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"#Letcher, Wash., DC, 4/1/48"

The above is based on the report of Special Agent J. CLIFFORD LETCHER, dated April 1, 1948, at Washington, D. C., entitled IRINA (IRADA) EFIMOVNA ALEKSANDER, was., ET AL, INTERNAL SECURITY - R. b7D

On Page one of this report the following appears:

"At Washington, D. C.:

"The files of this office reflect that on June 8, 1945, [redacted]

[redacted] contacted this office. He advised that HENRY BOZHIDAR DUNHAM resided [redacted] at 5001 - 17th Street North, Arlington, Virginia, since about July 13, 1944.

"Shortly after DUNHAM moved in [redacted] observed that Army and Navy officers made frequent visits to the DUNHAM house under what [redacted] termed suspicious circumstances. He noted that the officers ranked

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in rank from Lieutenants to Colonels and at times as many as six or seven would appear at the house all carrying brief cases. They engaged in parties which lasted throughout the night, sometimes into the following morning. [ ] stated that DUNHAM's wife is supposed to be of Russian descent.

"He stated that approximately once a month an unknown individual in civilian clothes who appeared to be a foreigner, attended the gatherings at the DUNHAM residence. [ ] stated that when this individual appeared great secrecy was maintained at the house and all curtains were drawn. Such precautions were not taken at other gatherings. [ ] believed that the meetings were held for the purpose of securing or furnishing information which is obtained from members of the armed forces and stated that in his opinion the purpose of the meetings was not purely social."

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The report of Agent LETCHER bears stamps indicating it was received by the Records Division of the Department of Justice on January 25, 1949, and received by the Criminal Division on January 26, 1949. It also bears the inked notation "FILE JC". (u)

In addition to the above described reports which appear in the Department of Justice file 146-1-14-368 concerning IRINA (IRAIDA) EFIMOVNA ALEKSANDER, was.; ET AL, the following reports are filed: It is observed that each of them bears stamps indicating they were received by the Department of Justice Records Division on January 25, 1949, and by the Criminal Division January 26, 1949. They also each bear the inked notation "FILE JC". (u)

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM H. CARPENTER dated January 15, 1947, at Boston, Massachusetts. (u)

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Report of Special Agent JAMES J. CANAVAN,  
dated February 5, 1947, at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent JOSEPH A. OXLEY,  
dated February 20, 1947, at Boston,  
Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent FRANCIS X. McBRIDE,  
dated March 27, 1947, at New Haven, Connecticut.

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM B. WELTE,  
dated November 13, 1947, at Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania.

Report of Special Agent JOHN R. MURPHY, dated  
December 10, 1946, at New York.

Report of Special Agent L. STANLEY KEMP, dated  
January 14, 1948, at Buffalo, New York.

Report of Special Agent MAHLON L. COLLIER,  
dated April 15, 1948, at Detroit, Michigan.

Data slips prepared on Royal typewriter KMM2585483 used  
by Stenographer ETTA TAYLOR.

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The data slip designated as Q-25 is as follows:

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"Con. Informant T-4 advised on Oct. 8, 1946 that  
(Nicholas) Napoli was visited by the following  
Peruvian Communists during his stay in Lima:  
Jorge Del Prado, Communist Party Secretary of  
Peru; Elisio Garcia, editor of the Communist  
paper 'Labor'; and Juan Jacinto Paiva, Communist  
member of the Peruvian Chamber of Deputies. At  
a meeting with these three men, Informant advised  
that Napoli stated he was sorry to have learned  
that Russian films are censored by the Peruvian

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authorities. He expressed regret that Peru had not established diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. Napoli commented on the possibility that Communists may be included in the next Peruvian cabinet. Informant also advised that [REDACTED]

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Garcia believed that Napoli has also been observing the status of the Communist Parties in the countries he visited in So. America. Garcia stated that Napoli was interested in a number of Communist Party members in Peru and whether or not it would be possible to have as many militaristic Communists in the northern as in the southern part of Peru, as the development of the Communist Party in northern Peru was an important task.

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"FBI report dated 12-20-48 at New York by Sp. Agt. Robert W. Coholon, p. 4. File No. 149-299"

The above is based on the report of Special Agent ROBERT W. COHOLON, dated December 20, 1948, at New York, entitled ARTKINO PICTURES, INCORPORATED, INTERNAL SECURITY - R, and is quoted verbatim from page four. [This report bears a stamp indicating it was received in the Department of Justice, Division of Records, January 26, 1949, and a similar stamp indicates it was received by the Criminal Division on the same date. It bears an inked notation "FILE - WF", and has Department of Justice file number 149-299.] (u)

It is observed that the quoted paragraph reflects pencil markings which indicated to Miss ETTA TAYLOR, Stenographer, Internal Security Section, that a data slip should be prepared incorporating the information set out in parentheses. Two lines were drawn under "NAPOLI" and one line appears under "Communist Party Secretary of Peru" and "ARTKINO". This indicated to Miss TAYLOR that "NAPOLI" should appear as the subject matter of the data slip and carbons were to be made up for "Communist Party Secretary of Peru" and "ARTKINO".

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Q-26

The data slip designated as Q-26 is as follows:

G.T. Soohoff  
"On Sept. 6, 1946, Jacob Lomakin, former Consul General at San Francisco at this time stationed in N. Y. City, was in touch with Efremov, Russian Consul General in San Francisco, regarding the telegram he had received. He asked Efremov to check with Soohoff, publisher of Novaya Zarya, regarding it. While waiting for the information to be checked Lomakin inquired of Efremov as to Soohoff and stated that when he, Lomakin, was in San Francisco he did not support Soohoff. Efremov informed him that Soohoff is all right. This information was obtained from Source E. Lomakin was Consul General in San Francisco in 1943 and 1944.

"FBI report dated 12-15-48 by Sp. Agt. Wesley G. Grapp at San Francisco, P. 8. File 149-06-2-12."

The foregoing is based on the report of Special Agent WESLEY G. GRAPP, dated December 15, 1948, at San Francisco entitled NOVAYA ZARYA, aka Russian Daily Morning News, REGISTRATION ACT; INTERNAL SECURITY - R, and is quoted verbatim from page eight. [The report bears a stamp indicating it was received in the Department of Justice, Division of Records, on January 5, 1949, and a similar stamp indicates it was received by the Criminal Division, on January 6, 1949. The report bears the stamp "FILE - JC"; and has Department of Justice file number 149-06-2-12.] (u)

The quoted material reflects pencil markings (parentheses) around it with double lines appearing beneath "NOVAYA ZARYA" and single lines beneath "JACOB LOMAKIN", "EFREMOV", "Russian Consul General in San Francisco" and "SOOHOFF". This indicated to the typist that an original data slip should be made for "NOVAYA ZARYA" and carbons for the four remaining subject matters.

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Q-27

The data slip designated as Q-27 is as follows:

"On September 18, 1947, Source I, while being interviewed on another matter, stated to Agents of this office that he had been told by Panfil Fedorovich Tesluck, a prominent real estate broker active in local White Russian circles who has handled real estate transactions with officials of the Russian Consulate. that [redacted]

[redacted] Source I further advised that Olga Nikolaevna Artemoff, wa., Olga Levinson, had told him [redacted]

[redacted] It is to be noted that Miss Artemoff is the subject of an 'Internal Security - R' case and to date extensive investigation has not located her. Miss Artemoff stated [redacted]

[redacted] This informant related that the editor of this newspaper, G. T. Sochoff, [redacted]

[redacted] is described as an opportunist and a 'rat' who would sell himself to the highest bidder. He feels that Sochoff is not a sincere Communist but is merely willing to be used by the Soviets in order to obtain money from them. Miss Artemoff told the informant that [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Source I related that [redacted]  
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noted that this concurs with the statement  
attributed to Tesluck regarding the relationship  
between the newspaper and the Consulate.

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"FBI report dated 12-15-48 by Sp. Agt. Wesley G. Grapp at San Francisco, pp. 10-11. File No. 149-06-2-12."

The above is also based on the report of Special Agent WESLEY G. GRAPP, dated December 15, 1948, at San Francisco, entitled NOVAYA ZARYA, aka Russian Daily Morning News, REGISTRATION ACT; INTERNAL SECURITY - R, and is quoted verbatim from page ten of the above-mentioned report. The quoted material bears parentheses and double lines beneath "NOVAYA ZARYA" with single lines beneath "VICTOR AFANASIEV", "OLGA NIKOLAEVNA ARTEMOFF" and "Russian Consulate of San Francisco".

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Q-28

The data slip designated as Q-28 is as follows:

"On Oct. 11, 1948, Source L, [redacted]  
[redacted] and presently active in San Francisco White Russian social circles, was interviewed on another matter by Special Agts. E. Ray Miller and Fred R. Elledge of the San Francisco Office. During the interview Source L. made the statement that he believed Novaya Zarya is subsidized by the Soviet government and that about fifteen years ago he saw a check on Sochoff's desk in the amount of \$1500.00 made out by the Russian Consulate of San Francisco.

"FBI report dated 12-15-48 at San Francisco by Sp. Agt. Wesley G. Grapp, p. 13. File No. 149-06-2-12".

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The above is also based on the report of Special Agent WESLEY G. GRAPP, dated December 15, 1948, at San Francisco, entitled NOVAYA ZARYA, aka Russian Daily Morning News, REGISTRATION ACT; INTERNAL SECURITY - R, and is quoted verbatim from page thirteen of agent GRAPP's report.

The quoted material bears pencilled parentheses and "NOVAYA ZARYA" is underlined twice and "SOOHOFF" is underlined once indicating that the original and one copy should be made by the typist.

Q-29

The data slip designated as Q-29 is as follows:

"On Aug. 13, 1948 Source O was interviewed by Sp. Agts. Fred R. Elledge and Richard H. Nelson at the San Francisco Office. Source O stated that he is a part-time employee for the Russian language newspaper "Russian Life" and occasionally contributes news articles to this paper. This informant allegedly is well aware of many of the activities of the pro-Russian element in the San Francisco area. During the interview informant stated it was his opinion the newspaper Novaya Zarya is financed by the San Fran. Russian Consulate. He stated he had no way of proving this but did say he was

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[REDACTED] As a possible means of obtaining information concerning subsidizing of Novaya Zarya by the Russian Consulate, Source O suggested an approach might be made to one N. Yazykov who is employed at Novaya Zarya. He stated from what he knew of Yazykov the latter was working for the newspaper solely for the money he received and had no ideological background or beliefs concerning Soviet propaganda. This informant related that Peter Dresdoff could probably furnish pertinent information on Novaya Zarya and Mr. and Mrs. Soohoff.

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The files of this office reflect only that Nikolai Yazykov is the author of several write-ups pertaining to his interviews with prominent individuals in White Russian circles. These articles have been printed this year in Novaya Zarya.

"FBI report dated 12-15-48 at San Francisco by Sp. Agt. Wesley G. Grapp, p. 12. File No. 149-06-2-12"

The above is also based on the report of Special Agent WESLEY G. GRAPP, dated December 15, 1948, at San Francisco, entitled NOVAYA ZARYA, aka Russian Daily Morning News, REGISTRATION ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

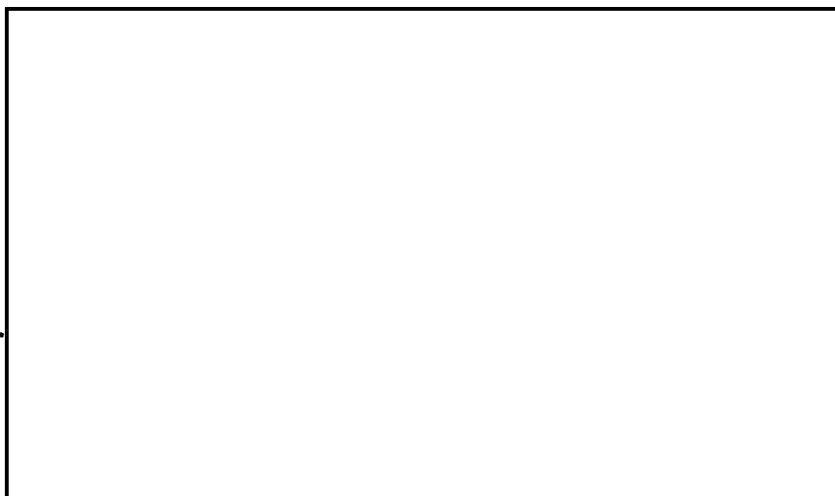
The above is quoted verbatim from page 12 of Agent GRAPP's report. It bears the pencilled parentheses around the paragraph and "NOVAYA ZARYA" is underlined twice while the following are underlined once:

"Russian Life", "Russian Consulate",  
"N. Yazykov" and "Peter Drosdoff"  
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Q-30

The data slip identified as Q-30 is as follows:



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The data slip designated as Q-31 is as follows:

BRANKO ~~X~~ "Kramar stated to the informant (T-2) that his present employer is actually the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Industry which is a holding company and controls the Industrial Operations, Inc. of which Kramar is Vice President and General Manager. Anthony ~~X~~ Fried is the President and Karel ~~X~~ Kalina is Vice President.

"The informant reported that Kramar explained

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that the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Industry owns the ~~Omnipol, Ltd.~~ in Prague, Czechoslovakia which company owns the ~~Overseas Mercantile, Inc.~~, in NYC. The ~~Overseas Mercantile, Inc.~~ is headed by Karel Kalina and in turn controls the Industrial Operations, Inc.

"The informant reports that Kramar has stated that since his arrival in the U. S. the Industrial Operations, Inc. has sold 1,000 motobikes for a total of \$200,000. In addition, they are presently negotiating with the Indian Motorcycle Co. for the sale of 5,000 motorbikes.

"FBI report dated 2-17-48 at N.Y. by Sp. Agt. Rudolph V. Gliniak, pp. 4-5-6-7, File No. 146-1-51-1555"

"The (Immigration) file further contained a letter dated Nov. 20, 1947 at Prague, Czechoslovakia from the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Works, a national corporation, signed by Anthony Fried, Senior Deputy Director General, which letter stated that Kramar is Acting Vice President of Industrial Operations, Inc. which company represents the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Works in the United States. The letter also asked that favorable consideration be given to the application for extension of visa.

"Conf. Informant T-4 advised that Fried is Deputy General Manager of the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Works in Prague, which is a nationalized engineering industry. He is further described as a business man of considerable talent and experience, but unscrupulous and politically a careerist. He is stated to have become a member of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia soon after his return to Czechoslovakia in the autumn of 1945. He is the subject of an Internal Security - R investigation by the N. Y. Office."

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The foregoing is based on the report of Special Agent RUDOLPH V. GLINIAC, dated February 17, 1948, at New York entitled "BRANKO KRAMAR, wa., Bronko Kramar, INTERNAL SECURITY - R. Each paragraph set forth above is quoted verbatim from the report of Agent GLINIAC. The first paragraph appears on Page 4; the second and third on Page 5; the fourth on Page 6, and the fifth on Page 7.

"Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Industry" is underlined twice and the following are underlined once:

"KRAMAR"; "Industrial Operations, Inc.";  
"ANTHONY FRIED"; "KAREL KALINA"; "Over-  
seas Mercantile, Inc." and "Omnipol, Ltd.  
in Prague:.

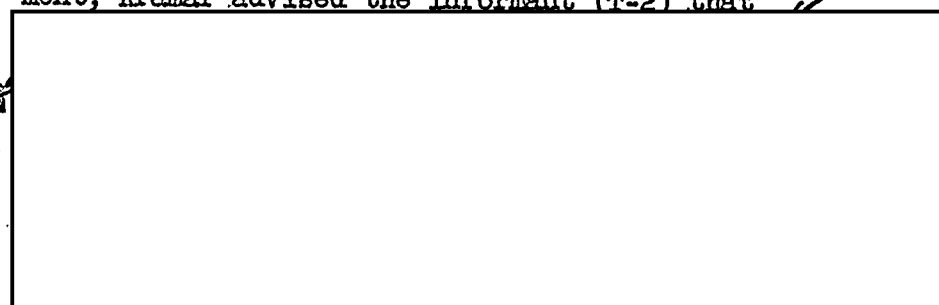
(The quoted paragraphs bear parentheses.)

Agent GLINIAC's report bears stamps indicating it was received by the Records Division, Department of Justice, on December 16, 1948, and by the Criminal Division of the Department on December 17, 1948. It bears Department of Justice file number 146-1-51-1555. The stamp "FILE - JC" appears on the first page thereof. (u)

Q-32

The data slip designated as Q-32 is as follows:

"In connection with obtaining his present employment, Kramar advised the informant (T-2) that



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Fabinger, according to Kramar, is an

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intellectual Communist. Kramar stated, according to the informant, that Fabinger arranged his present business connections. According to the informant, Kramar further explained that [redacted]

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[redacted] According to the informant, Kramar claimed that he is anti-Communist and wants to remain in the U. S.

"FBI report dated 2-17-48 at New York by Sp. Agt. Rudolph V. Gliniak, p. 5. File No. 146-1-51-1555."

The above is also based on the report of Special Agent RUDOLPH V. GLINIAC, dated February 17, 1948, at New York, entitled "BRANKO KRAMAR, wa., Bronko Kramar, INTERNAL SECURITY - R, and is quoted verbatim from Page 5 of the report of Agent GLINIAC. Parentheses appear around the quoted paragraphs. Erasures prevent the indication of underscored lines beneath KRAMAR and FABINGER.

Q-33

The data slip designated as Q-33 is as follows:

"Subject reported performing liaison activities with Yugoslav Embassy Officials, Wash., D. C. Continues active and influential in Yugoslav activities locally. Makes frequent visits to Pittsburgh, Pa., in connection with affairs of C.F.U. Investigation at Durham, California, reflects subject and George Drusianich are part owners of almond orchard. Checking account maintained at Chico, Calif. No bank account maintained in Mountain View, Calif., by subject at present time. Results of mail covers set forth.:

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"FBI report of 10-12-48 at San Francisco,  
by Sp. Agt. Edward Dornlas, Jr., p. 1.  
File No. 146-1-11-324"

The above is based on the report of Special Agent  
EDWARD DORNLAS, Jr., dated October 12, 1948, at San Francisco, entitled  
NICHOLAS GEORGE NICHOLAC, was., INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

The material set out on the data slip is a verbatim  
quotation of the synopsis of this report. Erasures prevent the indication of  
underscored lines beneath NICHOLAS GEORGE NICHOLAC, was., at  b7D

Agent DORNLAS' report reflects stamps indicating it was  
received by the Records Division, Department of Justice, December 9, 1948, and  
the Criminal Division of the Department on December 10, 1948. It bears Depart-  
ment of Justice file number 146-1-11-324. The report was one of a number which  
was found in COPLON's file drawer, Room 2220, Department of Justice Building,  
March 7, 1949. (u)

The Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory has advised  
by teletype of March 5, 1949, that documents Q-35 through Q-38 were written on a  
portable Corona typewriter, which typewriter has been identified as one personally  
owned by subject and which was obtained by a search warrant on March 5, 1949.

Q-35 is as follows:

"I have not been able (and don't think  
I will) to get the top secret FBI report  
which I described to Michael on Soviet &  
Communist Intelligence activities in the  
US. When the moment was favorable, I asked  
Foley where the report was (He'd previously  
remarked that he'd had such a report); he  
said that some departmental official had it  
and he didn't expect to get it back. Foley'  
remarked there was nothing 'new' in it.  
When I saw the report, for a minute, I breezed  
through it rapidly, remember very little. It  
was about 115 pages in length; summarized first  
Soviet 'intelligence' activities, including

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Martens, Love, Poyntz, Altschuler, Silvermaster, et. al. It had heading on Soviet UN delegation but that was all I remember. The rest of the report I think was on Polish, Yugo, etc. activities and possibly some info on the CP, USA." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

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"Beginning with the spring semester of 1946, I attended The American University, Washington, DC until the spring semester of 1948, during which time I completed my class credits for an MA in International Organizations and International Relations. All I need for my degree is the completion of a thesis. While I'm not enthusiastic about it, I think I should complete this thesis by the summer. My subject will deal with certain aspects of international propaganda and its control." ~~(S)~~ - (U)

According to Mr. WILLIAM E. FOLEY, Chief, Internal Security and Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, the very first paragraph of the above quoted material makes reference to a "Summary of Soviet and Satellite Espionage and Communist Activity in the United States:", dated December 15, 1948. This summary was submitted to the Department of Justice by cover memorandum dated December 21, 1948, directed to Assistant Attorney General ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL. ~~(S)~~ - (U)

Mr. FOLEY advises that he received the Summary and cover memorandum from the office of Mr. CAMPBELL at approximately mid-January 1949, which time would have been four or five days before the report was submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory for fingerprint processing, and that he perused the report immediately thereafter. He advises that he probably was not able to finish the Summary in its entirety the day that it was received and in his absence from the office he normally placed such "restricted" material beneath other files on his desk and at the close of the day placed such material in a locked file cabinet. He related that it is very possible that in his absence for a limited period JUDITH COPLON perused the

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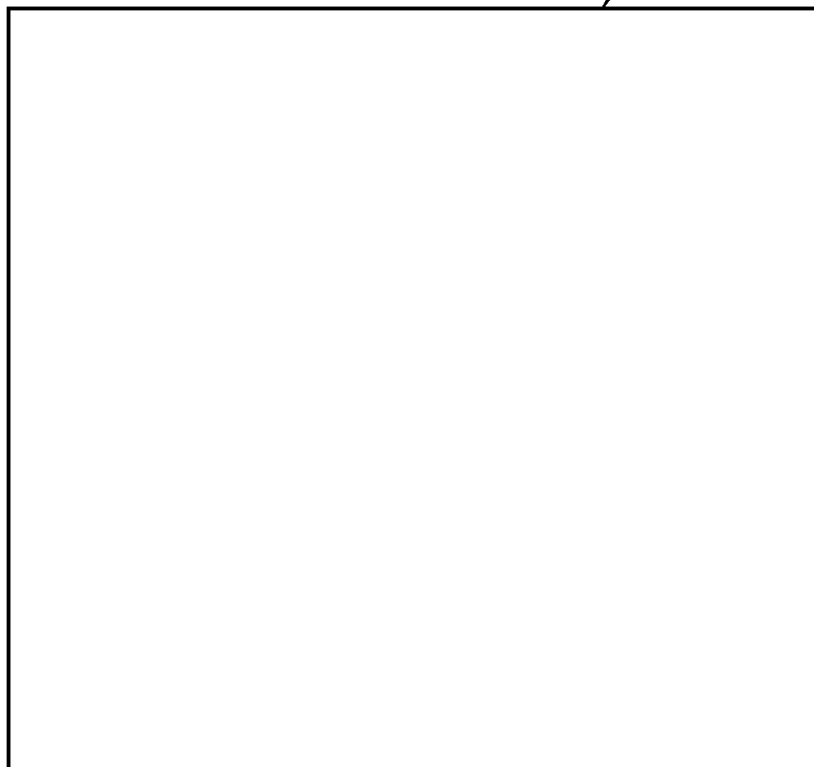
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Summary. He specifically recalls that Miss COPLON asked for the Summary on two occasions subsequent to the time when it was processed for fingerprints by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory (February 4, 1949); at which time he stalled her and gave her the impression that there was no 'new' information in it not subsequently furnished to the Department.

The Summary [of the "Summary of Soviet and Satellite Espionage and Communist Activity in the United States"] which was directed to Mr. CAMPBELL is copy Number 13 and is 115 pages in length. It is presently in a double sealed envelope in the safe in the Criminal Division, Department of Justice. It has been in this safe since its receipt from the Bureau after the fingerprint processing. (S) (U)

Q-36, Q-37 and Q-38 bear no relation to the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice as they are biographies of individuals not connected with the Department of Justice.

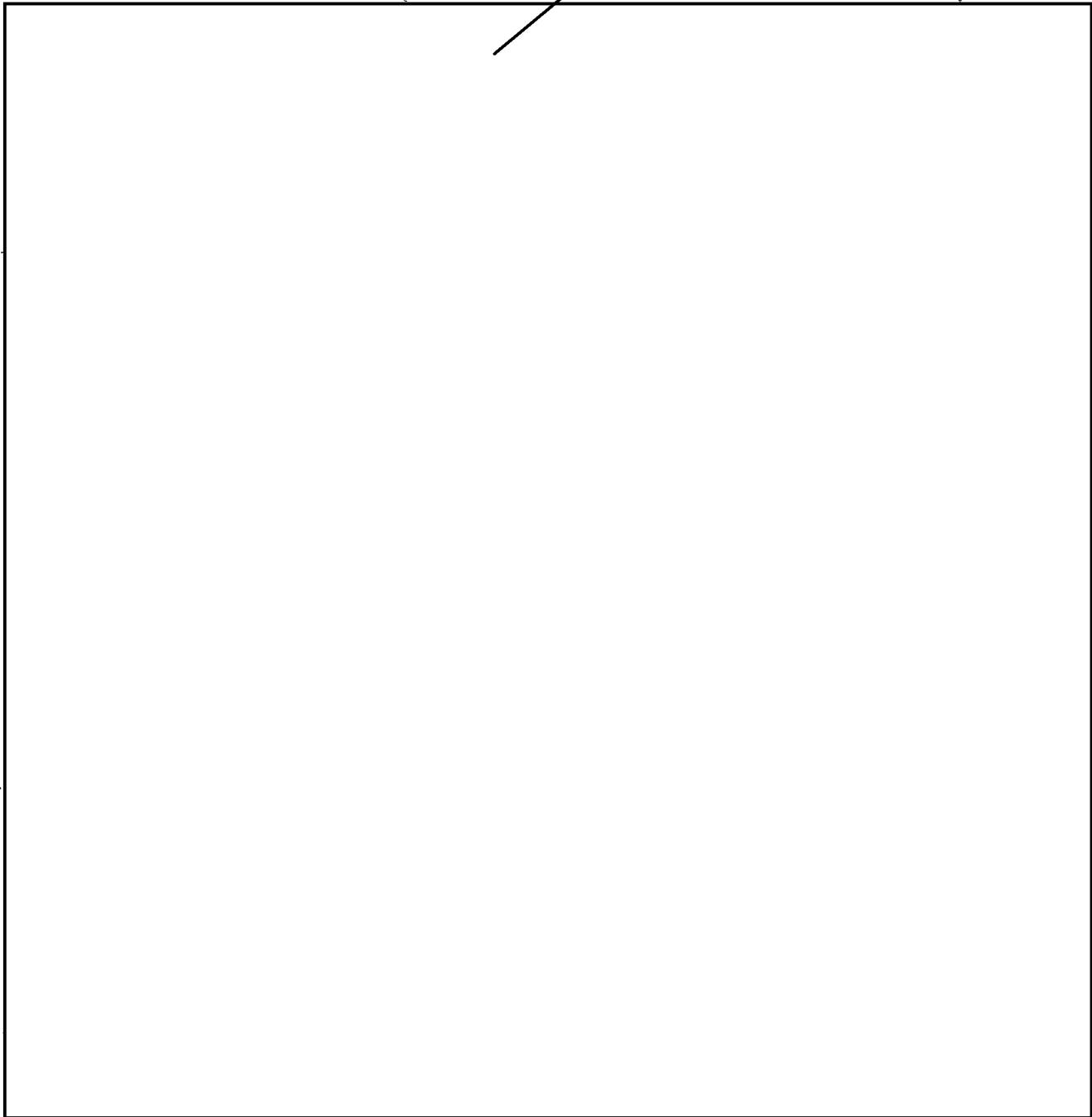
Q-39 is composed of two pages of handwritten material on what appears to have been a 5 x 8 scratch pad. It is as follows:

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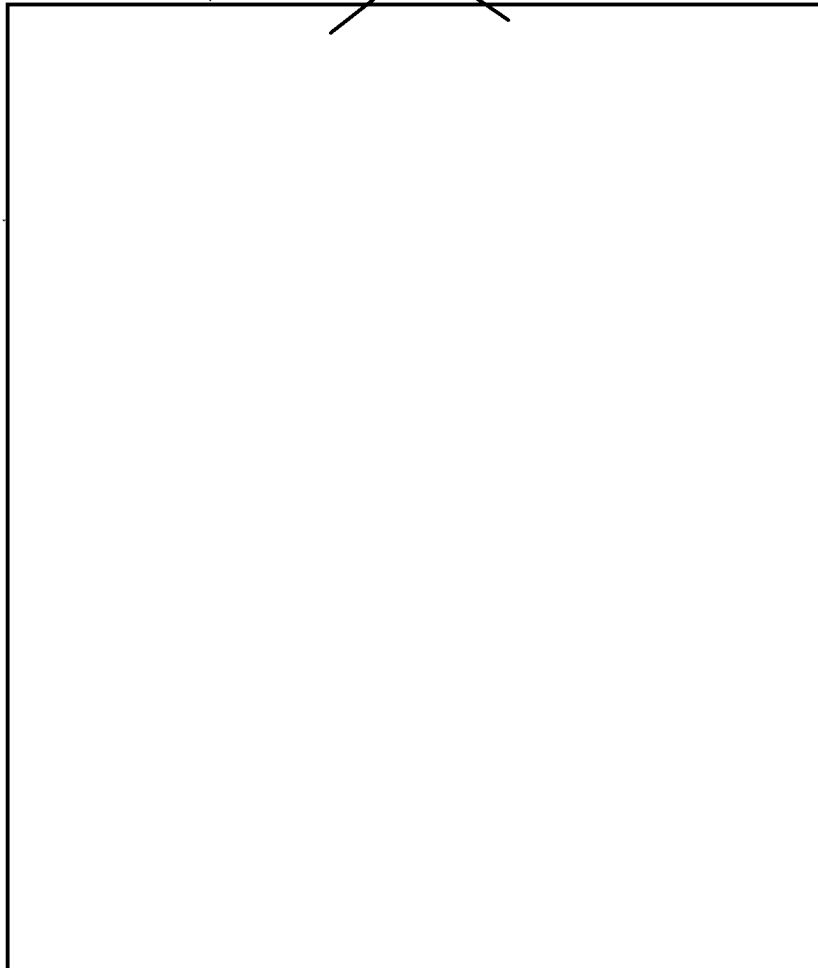


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The above-mentioned document bears the notation in pen "FOLEY, give this immediate attention, initials P.F." and the following notation in ink: "Noted 3/4/49 R. P. W," the initials of Mr. RAYMOND P. WHEARTY, First Assistant, Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

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Mr. WILLIAM E. FOLEY  
Chief, Foreign Agents Registration  
and Internal Security Section,  
Criminal Division, Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. FOLEY can testify that he is the Head of the Foreign Agents Registration and Internal Security Section, Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

He can testify that since June 28, 1942, the Foreign Agents Registration Section has administered an Act of Congress approved in 1938 which requires those who act as agents of foreign principals to register, report their activities, funds, etc. He can testify that the Foreign Agents Registration Section, in administering the Act, reviews material received from newspapers, publications, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other sources concerning foreign governments, foreign political parties, organizations and individuals engaged in propaganda work who generally act in a manner indicating they should be registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Mr. FOLEY can testify that the Internal Security Section of the Department of Justice receives investigative reports pertaining to Internal Security matters from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that it is customary for an employee of his section to review these reports to ascertain if they reflect any violations of Federal laws. This employee is required to initial the first page of the report and mark it for file.

Mr. FOLEY can testify that JUDITH COPLON was employed as a Political Analyst, Foreign Agents Registration Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, at Washington, D. C., until March 4, 1949, when she was suspended. He can say her last salary was \$4,479.60 per annum, Grade P-3. He can produce records reflecting COPLON entered on duty with the Department of Justice in the Antitrust Division June 15, 1943, at New York City; that she transferred to the Foreign Agents Registration Section, War Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., January 16, 1945; that effective December 29, 1945, she transferred to the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, in Washington, D. C.

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He can testify that a job analysis sheet relating to Civil Service Commission P-3 Number 427, held by Miss COPLON from April 4, 1948, to March 4, 1949, indicates the following description of the duties and responsibilities of the position:

"Under the general supervision of the Chief of the unit performs difficult research assignments concerning activities and connections of agents of foreign principals in one or more minor nationality fields, such as Latin America and Scandinavian areas.

"1. On own initiative, but subject to review by a higher-grade analyst, prepares preliminary and final summaries and reports concerning specific persons and organizations in one or more nationality fields who are registered as agents of foreign principals or whose registrability should be considered and makes appropriate recommendations for legal action pursuant to Section 2, 3 and 4 of the Act."

"2. Is responsible for reviewing original, supplemental and amended statements, propaganda items, propaganda dissemination reports and other documents and files pursuant to the provisions of the Act and for preparing appropriate official agency letters.

"3. Maintains contacts with certain representatives of other government agencies, such as the State Department, OSS, Censorship, etc., for the purpose of obtaining and disseminating information.

"4. Confers with attorneys in the Foreign Agents Registration Section concerning additional factual information needed in specific cases within one or more nationality fields; assists in the preparation of requests for investigation

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by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and recommends that informal hearings or conferences be scheduled in appropriate cases.

"5. Advises higher-grade analysts with respect to policy questions arising due to the inter-related character of the activities of two or more agents of foreign principals within one or more nationality fields.

"6. Attends informal hearings or conferences with persons or organizations in one or more nationality fields who are or may be subject to the Act, and advises the Chief of the section with respect to factual issues which may arise in the course of such hearings or conferences.

"7. Subject to review by a higher-grade analyst recommends specific cases in one or more nationality fields which should be considered for prosecution under Section 8 of the Act, and prepares factual and political memoranda in support of such recommendations.

"8. Subject to review by a higher-grade analyst prepares factual surveys on the national sources and content of political propaganda disseminated or distributed in the interests of foreign principals in one or more nationality fields for inclusion in the Attorney General's periodic reports to Congress, pursuant to Section 2 of the Act.

"9. Performs other related services."

Mr. FOLEY can produce records of the Foreign Agents Registration Section which reflect that among the duties assigned Miss COPLON shortly after employment began in Washington, D. C., was the assignment to analyze information received pertaining to Portugal, France, Belgium and Italy. He can produce records which reflect that the number of analysts

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diminished and later Miss COPLON began analyzing information received concerning the Baltic States, Poland and Yugoslavia, left-wing and Communist affairs.

He can produce records which show that on or about May 3, 1947, (the date of resignation of LOUIS NEMZER) COPLON began analyzing information relative to the USSR. He can testify to his own knowledge that since October 15, 1948, (date of [redacted] resignation) JUDITH COPLON has been the only analyst employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section.

He can testify that from October 1948 until February 1949 he had assigned to JUDITH COPLON the duty of reading Federal Bureau of Investigation investigative reports pertaining to Internal Security matters. He can testify that it is contrary to practice and not within the scope of her duties to prepare data slips for these reports unless they have a bearing on Foreign Agents Registration matters.

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Mr. FOLEY can testify that it has been the practice of Political Analysts to abstract material received from a review of newspapers, publications, and Federal Bureau of Investigation investigative reports, which pertain to Foreign Agents Registration matters. He can testify that it is customary for the Political Analysts to indicate on Federal Bureau of Investigation investigative reports, by notations or brackets, the material the Analysts desire placed on data slips. He can produce a blank form, 5 x 8 in size, which is referred to as a "data slip" in the Foreign Agents Registration Section. He can testify that it is the practice of the Political Analysts to underline the "title or subject matter" twice, on the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigative reports, and to underline matters or names the Analysts desire cross referenced one time. This practice indicates to the Stenographer who prepares the data slips the number of carbons necessary. Mr. FOLEY can produce a "data slip" and illustrate this procedure described above.

He can testify that since October 1949 JUDITH COPLON has filed the "data slips" according to subject matter in files located in Room 2220, U. S. Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C. He can say that prior to October a clerk did some of the filing.

Mr. FOLEY can testify that data slips Q-25 through Q-33 were prepared according to the manner prescribed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section.

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Mr. FOLEY can testify that on March 3, 1949, at approximately 6:30 P. M. he received from Mr. PEYTON FORD, in the presence of RAYMOND P. WHEARTY, a document directed to "Mr. PEYTON FORD. The Assistant to the Attorney General" entitled [REDACTED] INTERNAL SECURITY - R" bearing the date of March 3, 1949. This document had been directed to Mr. FORD from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. FOLEY can testify that the document was locked in a file cabinet overnight in Mr. FOLEY's office and on the following morning, March 4, 1949, at approximately 9:10 A. M. he gave the document, accompanied by two other pieces of mail to JUDITH COPLON.

Mr. FOLEY can testify that on the afternoon of March 4, 1949, he asked Mr. NATHAN B. LENVIN, Attorney, who has shared Room 2220 with Miss COPLON, if he had received the memorandum concerning AMTORG from Miss COPLON. He can testify that Mr. LENVIN answered in the affirmative

[REDACTED] Mr. FOLEY can further testify that he cautioned Mr. LENVIN to note the classification on the document; that it was classified "Strictly Confidential", and that it should be locked up.

Mr. FOLEY can testify that on the late afternoon of March 4, 1949, NATHAN B. LENVIN came to his office and suggested that Mr. FOLEY place the memorandum in question in a locked file since LENVIN's desk contained no lock. Mr. FOLEY can testify that thereafter he placed it in a sealed envelope and put the sealed envelope in a locked cabinet where it has since remained.

Mr. FOLEY can testify that the reports which Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES observed in the file drawer of Miss COPLON on March 7, 1949, and which bear the notation "FILE - RMR" and which pertain to Internal Security matters do not have bearing on Foreign Agents Registration matters. These reports are numbered 1 through 53 and set forth under the section of this report indicating to what Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES can testify.

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Mr. FOLEY can produce the file boxes which contained the originals and carbons of Q-25 through Q-29 and Q-31 through Q-33, and which contained unfiled material for the Foreign Agents Registration Section. Mr. FOLEY can also produce the Department of Justice files upon which the data slips, legitimate and unorthodox, found in COPLON's purse were based. He can also produce the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigative reports which pertain to Internal Security matters and which were located in the file drawers of subject by Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES.

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Miss ETTA TAYLOR  
Stenographer  
Foreign Agents Registration Section  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Miss TAYLOR can testify that in connection with her official duties she prepares "data slips" on 5 x 8 pieces of paper at the request of the Political Analysts in the Foreign Agents Registration Section. She can testify that generally the material that the Analysts desire placed on the data slips is marked by pencil and names of individuals underscored when copies are desired as cross references.

Miss TAYLOR can testify that it is customary for the subject matter of the data slip to be underscored by two lines by the Political Analysts and when carbons are necessary the subject matter to be cross referenced will be underscored one time.

Miss TAYLOR can testify that data slips Q-25 through Q-33 are prepared in line with the procedure usually followed by her in making data slips. She cannot specifically recall typing data slips Q-25 through Q-33 nor she can recognize the subject matter as that of data slips she has prepared. (In this connection, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory Examiner can testify that Q-25 through Q-33 were prepared on Royal Typewriter KMM 2585483.

Miss TAYLOR can produce three investigative reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which are clipped together and which bear a 3 x 5 piece of paper on which COPLON has indicated data slips should be prepared on the investigative reports. These reports are marked and indicate the number of carbon data slips desired. These reports are as follows:

Report of Special Agent FRANK R. LONGO,  
dated December 23, 1949, at New York,  
entitled JACK ~~BJOZE~~, was., INTERNAL SECURITY -  
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Report of Special Agent JOHN J. JARNUL,  
dated January 29, 1949, at Chicago,

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entitled JOSEPH ALEXANDER ~~JARAJOVIC~~,  
was., SECURITY MATTER - C.

Report of Special Agent JOSEPH B. DICKERSON,  
dated December 6, 1948, at San Francisco,  
entitled ALFRED ~~ROSETTI~~, SECURITY MATTER - C.

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Mr. NATHAN B. LENVIN  
Attorney  
Room 2220  
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Washington, D. C.

Referral/Consult

Mr. LENVIN can testify that on the morning of March 4, 1949, i.e. mid-morning or later, that he received from Miss JUDITH COPLON a memorandum entitled [redacted] that he read it and thereafter placed it in the top drawer of his desk. He can testify that he specifically recalls this incident inasmuch as this memorandum contained the "hottest" information he has ever seen concerning [redacted]

He can further testify that on the afternoon of March 4, 1949, Mr. WILLIAM E. FOLEY inquired if he, LENVIN, had observed the memorandum in question. [redacted]

[redacted] He can testify that Mr. FOLEY cautioned him to place the memorandum in a secure place, and that on the late afternoon of March 4, 1949, he took the memorandum to Mr. FOLEY and suggested that the latter place it in a locked file cabinet. Mr. LENVIN can specifically recall this incident inasmuch as a Ronson cigarette lighter had recently disappeared from his desk and he was hesitant to leave a memorandum containing information as confidential as the one in question in his desk with no lock.

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Mrs. RUTH M. ROSSON  
Attorney  
Department of Justice

Mrs. ROSSON can testify that shortly after she began working for the Internal Security Section of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, which was on February 7, 1949, she was assigned the job of reviewing Internal Security - R, Security Matter - C and in some instances Espionage - R reports submitted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Department of Justice to ascertain if these reports contained any violations of Federal laws. She can testify that Miss COPLON asked that reports bearing Internal Security - R captions be referred to her (COPLON) as well as any other reports in which there was mention made of Embassies, Consulates and Embassy personnel. Mrs. ROSSON can testify that she, with the authorization of Mr. FOLEY, directed these reports to Miss COPLON.

Mrs. ROSSON can identify her handwriting on the Internal Security reports located by Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES in the file drawer of JUDITH COPLON on March 7, 1949. These reports are set forth under the testimony that can be offered by Agent JONES and are numbered 1 through 53.

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COURTLAND J. JONES  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Special Agent JONES can testify that on March 7, 1949, he examined the desk of JUDITH COPLON, Room 2220, U. S. Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C., and ascertained that it contained no confidential Federal Bureau of Investigation reports. He can testify that the desk contained the following:

The top left drawer contained office supplies.

The second left drawer contained personal articles and a book of material concerning Foreign Agents Registration Act violations.

The third left hand drawer contained office supplies and two unintelligible sheets of notes.

The top right hand drawer contained stationery and a personal letter from Barnard College, Columbia University, New York City, regarding possibilities of employment. Directories of the Department of Justice were also in this drawer.

In the lower right hand drawer there was a letter from Attorney GEORGE B. PARKS, 909 - 6th Street, N. W., dated February 16, 1949, addressed to subject. This letter enclosed a copy of a letter directed by PARKS to Mrs. JESSIE K. HENRY, care of Woody's Cleaners, 56 L Street, S. E. This letter stated that PARKS had been retained by COPLON to collect a debt in the amount of \$385.00 owed by Mrs. HENRY to COPLON for furniture. Also in the

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lower right hand drawer were four folders bearing the following labels:

1. Miss ANNIS
2. Unlabeled Propaganda
3. Consulate and Embassy Propaganda
4. Publications Received

He can testify that he examined a file cabinet located on the East side of Room 2220; that the second drawer which is numbered "153" is marked "Foreign Agents Registration Act forms", "Staff Matters and Miscellaneous" and "Personal". He can testify that this drawer contained miscellaneous correspondence of JUDITH COPLON, and that in the rear of it he found a number of Federal Bureau of Investigation investigative reports. Ten of these reports related to Foreign Agents Registration Act matters. The following do not relate to Foreign Agents Registration matters and have been so identified by Mr. WILLIAM E. FOLEY, Head of the Foreign Agents Registration Section:

1. Report of Special Agent DONALD J. KENNEDY at San Francisco, dated December 30, 1948, entitled "MAXINE MEIGS - SECURITY MATTER - C"

Copies of the following reports entitled "JEROME DWIGHT DAVIS, SECURITY MATTER - C":

2. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. ASSMUS at Chicago, May 10, 1941
3. Report of Special Agent GRADY C. CLEVELAND at Cleveland March 16, 1944.
4. Report of Special Agent JOHN C. LEGGETT at Washington, June 14, 1944.
5. Report of Special Agent RALPH O. DUNKER at Cleveland, September 26, 1945.
6. Report of Special Agent ARTHUR R. STEVENS at New Haven, March 22, 1947.
7. Report of Special Agent CLYDE D. NICOLL at Washington, October 17, 1947.
8. Report of Special Agent J. PHILLIP O'BRIEN at Washington, July 15, 1944

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9. Report of Special Agent JOHN B. FRISCH at New York City, November 3, 1944, entitled "ISAC RICHMAN - SECURITY MATTER - C"

Copies of the following reports entitled "JOHN KELLER JACOBS, was., INTERNAL SECURITY - R":

10. Report of Special Agent THOMAS C. TAYLOR at Philadelphia, August 31, 1945.
11. Report of Special Agent THOMAS C. TAYLOR at Philadelphia, November 26, 1945.
12. Report of Special Agent RUSSELL RUBY at Oklahoma City, January 23, 1946.
13. Report of Special Agent ROBERT E. PENLAND at Baltimore, January 25, 1946.
14. Report of Special Agent PERRY W. MOOTHART at San Francisco, April 1, 1946.
15. Report of Special Agent EDWIN F. MILES at New York, October 7, 1946.
16. Report of Special Agent RICHARD A. GUMP at Cleveland, August 5, 1941.

Following reports entitled "JOHN KELLER JACOBS, SECURITY MATTER - C":

17. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. WELTE, Philadelphia, December 31, 1946.
18. Report of Special Agent FREDERICK T. HOULIHAN, New York City, April 2, 1947.
19. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM C. SENNETT, Philadelphia, July 18, 1944.
20. Report of Special Agent JAMES A. O'NEIL, Philadelphia, December 11, 1944.
21. Report of Special Agent EDWIN O. RAUDSEP at San Francisco, November 19, 1948, entitled "CLARA JURAVCOFF, SECURITY MATTER - R."

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Copies of the following reports entitled "~~VICTORIA~~ ~~STONE~~,  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R."

22. Report of Special Agent RONALD J. WEAVER at Providence,  
January 12, 1945.
23. Report of Special Agent HUGH D. McCULLOUGH, at Washington,  
January 18, 1945.
24. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM L. RYAN at Chicago,  
January 27, 1945.
25. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM B. NOLAN at Los Angeles,  
January 31, 1945.
26. Report of Special Agent WARD H. ERVIN at Philadelphia,  
March 21, 1945.
27. Report of Special Agent JOHN G. JOHNSON at New York City,  
March 7, 1945.
28. Report of Special Agent JOHN G. JOHNSON at New York City,  
December 29, 1944.

Copies of the following reports entitled "ISSAC BARNETT  
~~RICHMAN~~, was., INTERNAL SECURITY - R":

29. Report of Special Agent GEORGE E. HANLON at New York City,  
October 1, 1947.
30. Report of Special Agent ROBERT E. LEONARD at Washington,  
October 30, 1947.
31. Report of Special Agent GEORGE E. HANLON, at New York City,  
January 5, 1948.
32. Report of Special Agent NORTON R. SCHONFELD at New Haven,  
May 14, 1946.
33. Report of Special Agent MAXWELL J. WALLACE at New York City,  
June 17, 1946.
34. Report of Special Agent ROBERT L. ALEXANDERSON at New York  
City, March 25, 1946.
35. Report of Special Agent STANLEY W. ROSS at New York City,  
October 17, 1945.
36. Report of Special Agent CHARLES V. SHIPLEY at Birmingham,  
October 9, 1945.
37. Report of Special Agent MANNING V. CLEMENTS at Washington,  
September 26, 1945.

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38. Report of Special Agent ARTHUR V. HART at Newark, September 17, 1945.
39. Report of Special Agent CHARLES T. FLETCHER at Boston, September 6, 1945.
40. Report of Special Agent VINCENT R. KINNEY at Syracuse, August 23, 1945.
41. Report of Special Agent EDWIN R. GROVES at Baltimore, August 31, 1945.
42. Report of Special Agent BERNARR M. PTACEK at New Haven, August 11, 1945.
43. Report of Special Agent STANLEY W. ROSS at New York City, August 2, 1945.
44. Report of Special Agent LARRY E. KERLEY at New York City, May 25, 1945.
45. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM L. HORNBACK at New Haven, April 14, 1945.
46. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM B. WEHTE at Washington, December 1, 1944.
47. Report of Special Agent JOHN B. FRISCH at New York City, January 30, 1945.
48. Report of Special Agent DEXTER A. CHRISTENBERRY at Knoxville, October 30, 1945.
49. Report of Special Agent PAUL E. BRASSARD at Boston, April 16, 1946.
50. Report of Special Agent NORTON E. SCHONFELD at New Haven June 5, 1946.
51. Report of Special Agent DONALD E. RONEY at Albany, July 30, 1946.
52. Report of Special Agent ISAIAH T. WOODBURY at Boston, October 1, 1946.
53. Report of Special Agent GEORGE E. HANLON at New York City, January 15, 1947.

Agent JONES can testify that on March 7, 1949, he examined a wooden file box located on a bookcase on the West side of Room 2220. In the rear of this box in a section of unfiled material he located the following:

The original and one carbon of data slip Q-25, entitled "NAPOLI", with carbons designated for "Communist Party Secretary of Peru" and "Artkino".

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The original and 3 carbons of data slip Q-26 entitled, "NOVAYA ZARYA" with carbons designated for "JACOB LOMAKIN", "EFREMOV", "Russian Consul General in San Francisco" and "SOHOFF".

The original and 2 carbons of data slip Q-27 entitled "NOVAYA ZARYA" with carbons designated for "VICTOR AFANASIEV", "OLGA NIKOLAEVNA ARTEMOFF" and "Russian Consulate in San Francisco".

The original data slip of Q-28 entitled, "NOVAYA ZARYA" with carbon designated for "SOHOFF".

The original and 3 carbons of data slip Q-29 entitled "NOVAYA ZARYA" with carbons designated for "~~Russian Life~~", "Russian Consulate", "N. YAZYKOV" and "PETER DRESDOFF".

The original and 2 carbons of data slip Q-33, entitled "~~NICHOLAS w/a~~" with carbons designated for "~~Yugoslav Embassy~~". (This is an exception to the rule in that two carbons were made, making a sum total of original and 2, whereas the data slip would indicate that only an original and one carbon should be made.).

Agent JONES can testify he examined a paper file box located on a file cabinet on the south side of Room 2220 and that in an unfiled section of this file box, he located the following: (u)

The original and 5 carbons of data slip Q-31 entitled "Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Industry" with carbons designated for "KRAMAR", "Industrial Operations, Inc.", "ANTHONY FRIED", "KAREL KALINA", "Overseas Mercantile, Inc." and "Omnipol Ltd. in Prague".

The original data slip of Q-32 entitled "KRAMAR" with a carbon designated for "FABINGER".

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This agent can testify he located the original data slip for Q-30 on March 7, 1949 in a file drawer located on the north side of Room 2220. The file drawer is marked, "Miscellaneous" and it contains a section devoted to "Rumanians". He can testify that in the section marked "Rumanians", he found a tab entitled, "General NICOLAE RADESCU". Behind this tab, he found the original data slip of Q-30 which is entitled "General NICOLAE RADESCU". ~~(S)~~ (U)

He can testify that he found a tab entitled, "NICOLAE MALAXA" and behind it, he found a carbon of the data slip Q-30, the carbon having been designated for "NICOLAE MALAXA". He can testify that he found a tab in this section entitled "M. BARBU NICULESCU" and that behind this tab, he found a carbon of Q-30, the carbon having been designated for "M. BARBU NICULESCU". ~~(S)~~ (U)

Agent JONES can testify that he examined the section marked "Rumanian" for a tab and a carbon of Q-30 entitled, "M. NICHOLAS ~~KARANFIL~~" but was unable to locate either.

SA JONES can testify that SA JOE R. CRAIG and he made a search for the "missing" carbon copies of Q-25 through Q-33, including Q-33 of which a extra copy had been made but were unable to locate them in the file cabinets of Room 2220. This search covered both logical and illogical places of filing.

JOE R. CRAIG  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Agent CRAIG can testify that he, assisted by Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES, made a search for the "missing" carbon copies of Q-25 through Q-33 in the file cabinets in Room 2220, but was unable to locate them. This search covered both logical and illogical places of filing.

Agent CRAIG can testify that he has made an analysis and inventory of the data slips located in Room 2220, Department of Justice Building and has observed that numerous carbons of data slips are missing and there are other discrepancies.

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This case is receiving continuous attention in both the New York and Washington Field Divisions and leads are being handled as they arise. Because of the expeditious nature of this matter, leads for the New York Office will be requested by teletype and for these reasons no leads are being herein set out for New York or Washington Field.

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Mr. Alexander M. Campbell  
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division  
Director, FBI

May 2, 1949

Attention: Mr. Raymond Whearty

JUDITH COPLON, was  
ESPIONAGE - R

We have received information which is absolutely unverified and reaches us third hand that one of the jurors in the instant case remarked that he felt Judith Coplon was not guilty of the crime for which she was being tried. This juror reportedly stated that he would vote for acquittal at the completion of the trial. The juror who was identified to us as being Jewish stated that the case was more one of discrimination against the Jewish Race than it was of Espionage.

I desire to emphasize that the veracity of the above is not known but it is being submitted to you as of interest.

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- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
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TO : MR. GRESHAM *del*

DATE: May 2, 1949

FROM : E. C. JONES *ecj*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLAN

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Gandy	✓

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This is to advise that on Saturday, April 30, 1949, [redacted] advised me of a recent conversation that he had with one of his co-workers. [redacted] is an examiner with the National Labor Relations Board and his home address is [redacted]. He told me that I could use the information for what it was worth but did ask that I withheld his name inasmuch as he did not want to become involved in the affair.

The subject of his conversation was in regard to the jury of the Judith Coplan Case. Although the information being submitted to you is now thrice told it may have become somewhat distorted and enlarged, however, the facts as given to me are thus:

A co-worker, name undisclosed, of [redacted] advised him that he, the co-worker [redacted]. The juror, in conversation with [redacted] advised that he felt Coplan to be not guilty of the crime for which she was being tried and would vote for an acquittal at the completion of the trial. The juror, a Jew, felt that the case was more one of discrimination of the Jewish Race rather than Espionage.

It is felt that this matter should be referred to the Bureau for whatever it may be worth.

*Memo to Campbell, att;  
Mr. Raymond Wherry  
dated 5/2/49  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: May 5, 1949

Reference is made to Buffalo letter to the Bureau dated April 28, 1949.

Mr. ALEX CESTARO, Owner-Manager of a butcher shop located at 1492 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City, advised that he had recently spoken to Inspector NELSON CLYDE of Immigration and Naturalization Service. CESTARO stated that he told Inspector CLYDE that he had cause to be suspicious of MIRIAM ZELNICK, who currently occupies the third floor apartment above his second floor apartment located at 3317 Rochambeau Avenue, Bronx, New York. CESTARO indicated that he has owned this three story - three apartment building since 1944.

He stated that during the conversation which he had with Inspector CLYDE, that he produced a newspaper clipping which reflected a photograph of the "Twelve Communist Party Leaders" which are currently on trial in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. CESTARO further stated that he identified the picture of EUGENE DENNIS as the person his wife had seen entering and leaving the ZELNICK'S apartment a short time before his arrest by the FBI. He further advised Inspector CLYDE that he intended to send this newspaper clipping anonymously to MIRIAM ZELNICK, with a message attached or on the clipping stating that she, meaning Mrs. ZELNICK, would be next.

CESTARO failed to identify the pictures of JUDITH COPLON, VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV or LIDIA N. GUBICHEVA as anyone he had observed entering or leaving the ZELNICK apartment.

It is to be noted that there are several variances, particularly the basic facts which were presented to the Buffalo Office by Inspector CLYDE and the information furnished by CESTARO.

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CESTARO further stated that the ZELNICK'S apartment is currently occupied by ABEL A. ZELNICK, MIRIAM'S husband, MIRIAM ZELNICK and their two small children. He also advised that this apartment had been jointly occupied in the past by ISADORE and JENNIE HALPERN, the father and mother of MIRIAM ZELNICK and the ABEL A. ZELNICKS, and for short intervals by MORTON HALPERN, also known as Mannie, Morten, Manny and Mendle Halpern, and by HYMAN HALPERN, also known as Herman and Hy Halpern, brothers of MIRIAM ZELNICK.

CESTARO stated that he believes that each of these individuals are Communist Party members. In this connection, CESTARO furnished considerable information concerning their Communist activities. This information is being reported separately, as each have Security Matter-C case file in the New York Office.

Mrs. ALEX CESTARO, Apartment No. 2, 3317 Rochambeau Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised that she had observed EUGENE DENNIS enter and leave the ZELNICKS' apartment a short time before his arrest. She identified DENNIS from the newspaper clipping previously mentioned in this letter. DENNIS, according to Mrs. CESTARO, spoke to a group of Communists while at the ZELNICKS and she believed that this group was made up entirely of women.

Mrs. CESTARO, her sons, RICHARD, ALEX Junior, and PATRICK CESTARO could not identify either the photographs of JUDITH COPLON, VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV or that of LIDIA N. GUBITCHEV as identical with anyone observed entering or leaving the ZELNICKS' apartment. Mrs. CESTARO and her three sons furnished information concerning the ZELNICKS' and the HALPERNS' Communist Party activities. This information is being reported separately, as that of Mr. CESTARO.

SAC, New York

May 6, 1949

Director, FBI

JUDITH COPLON, WAS.,  
ESPIONAGE - R

The following letter was recently received from former Special Agent Wilfred H. Erwin:

"I am a former Special Agent having left the Bureau in November of 1945. While assigned to the New York Field Office the ALTO case, New York file 100-31551, was assigned to me.

"I have been reading the newspapers for the past two or three days concerning the arrest of Judith Coplon at New York City by Special Agents. I recall that on September 16, 1943 a secret writing communication was transferred by a suspect to an unknown woman on Amsterdam Avenue in New York City which unknown woman succeeded in eluding the surveillance and later disappeared in the subway beneath the Pennsylvania Railroad Station. As I recall this unknown woman was observed by Special Agent Chester Airhart and another agent whom I believe was Robert McCaslin. I recall that a great amount of investigation was conducted in an unsuccessful attempt to identify this unknown woman.

"I do not distinctly recall the exact physical description of the unknown woman. However, it appears to me that there is a possibility that she is identical with Judith Coplon. I believe that Judith Coplon has approximately the same physical description with a possible discrepancy in the age.

"I would like to suggest that the New York Field Office compare the physical descriptions of these two women in the event the Bureau is still desirous of identifying the unknown woman involved in the ALTO case."

Former Special Agent Erwin's suggestion that Judith Coplon might be identical with the unknown woman who met Ruth Wilson on September 16, 1943 is highly unlikely. Judith Coplon was not recruited into Soviet intelligence operations until the Fall of 1944.

You should, however, consider the possibility that the unknown woman might be identical with Flora Novschin who has recently been identified as the unknown subject Zora. It would appear that Novschin was recruited as a Soviet agent at an earlier date than Judith Coplon.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. *AD* LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: May 13, 1949

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

At 12:55 p.m. today, Special Agents Runaldue and May called Mr. Whitson and advised that a few minutes previously they had noticed a girl and a man get off at the 5th floor and they asked the elevator operator the way to Room 5119. The Special Agents believed that these persons were Judith Coplon and her attorney, Archibald Palmer.

A check was made and it was ascertained that Room 5119 is the Public Information Office of the Department, part of the suite of offices being occupied by Dean Schedler.

At 1:20 p.m., Mr. William E. Foley of the Department called me and stated that he had heard a rumor that Coplon and her attorney had been in the building. I told him we had heard something along the same line and we also understood they were going to Dean Schedler's office. Mr. Foley stated he would check and call me back. He came to my office at 1:50 p.m. and furnished me copies of press releases made by the Department on March 5 and 6, 1949, which were the releases made subsequent to the arrest of Coplon and Gubitchev. He stated these releases are what Palmer wanted to obtain. He was furnished copies. Mr. Foley asked that I furnish copies of the same releases to Mr. Whearty in the Court Room so that he would be aware of what Palmer had obtained from the Department. I told <sup>him</sup> it would be handled.

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For Immediate Release:  
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1949

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Attorney General Tom C. Clark announced tonight that FBI agents had arrested Judith Coplon, 27, an employee of the Department of Justice, and Valentine A. Gubitchev, 32, a member of the Russian delegation to the United Nations, in New York City, on charges of conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States pertaining to the removal of Government records and to defraud the United States of the faithful and impartial services of Miss Coplon.

The Attorney General said: The FBI investigation, under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover, culminating in the arrests, was originally initiated as a part of the Federal Employee Loyalty Program; an extensive investigation was initiated. The resulting investigation disclosed clandestine meetings between Miss Coplon and Gubitchev. Gubitchev is described as the Third Secretary of the USSR Secretariat of the United Nations assigned to the Manhattan Office of the United Nations. Continued investigation disclosed that Miss Coplon's activities on March 4, 1949 paralleled her activities prior to other meetings with Gubitchev and, accordingly, her activities were closely scrutinized from the moment she departed from Washington at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, en route to New York City.

Director J. Edgar Hoover stated that FBI agents observed extreme caution on the part of Miss Coplon from the moment she arrived in New York City until her contact with the Russian U.N. employee. From 7:23 P.M., when both appeared at the appointed meeting place at 193rd Street and Broadway, until after 9:00 P.M., both of these individuals avoided direct contact while they employed the numerous techniques used to detect surveillance. They

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finally effected a contact when both dashed aboard a bus near 42nd Street. The two were taken into custody on 3rd Avenue between 14th and 15th Streets.

Miss Coplon had concealed in her purse a flat package containing typewritten summaries of information abstracted from confidential documents involving security data and restricted information.

The Attorney General, immediately upon being informed by the FBI of Miss Coplon's suspected affiliations, insured against the misuse of restricted information coming into the possession of the Department.

As the investigation progressed the Attorney General, department officials, Director J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI, and State Department officials closely cooperated in bringing the case to a conclusion. Since Gubitchev was an employee of the United Nations Secretariat, the matter is being discussed between State Department officials and officials of the Secretariat.

For Immediate Release:  
SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 1949

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Attorney General Tom C. Clark announced today that necessary legal action against Miss Judith Coplon and Valentine Gubitchev was moving swiftly forward.

The Attorney General made public these developments following the arrest on Saturday morning by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

Mr. Raymond P. Whearty has informed the Department of Justice that, up to Sunday night, Miss Coplon has not provided bail, and was being held in the Women's Detention Ward of the City Jail.

The Attorney General said that Mr. Whearty will present the case to a grand jury in New York City beginning at 11:00 A.M. tomorrow.

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It was also stated that the Russian Embassy and the United Nations representatives of the USSR, the First Secretary Lev S. Tillokonnikov from Washington, Mr. Soldatov, a legal counsel for the USSR delegation

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to the United Nations in New York, Thomas Powers of the United States State Department, Mr. Whearty, and an interpreter, held an interview with Mr. Gubitchev last night.

The Department of Justice representative at this meeting, Mr. Whearty, advised the Attorney General that the Russians told the prisoner that he was fully protected by diplomatic immunity.

They also explained to him that they were making immediate and strong protestations to the State Department for Gubitchev's immediate release.

Mr. Alexander M. Campbell  
Assistant Attorney General

April 29, 1949

Director - FBI

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I am enclosing two copies of a self-explanatory letter which was received on April 27, 1949, from Mr. J. Anthony Marcus, Institute of Foreign Trade, 205 East 42d Street, New York 17, New York. Mr. Marcus' letter has been acknowledged.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MURRAY HILL 4-6161

April 27, 1949.

*ZMB*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*Valentine*  
I hope you will not allow an unscrupulous defense attorney get away with a legal trick in the case of Judith Coplon. The story about marrying Gubitchev, the Soviet Government plant in the U. N. for espionage purposes is a lie, and here are my reasons for thinking that way:

1. No Soviet citizen sent here by the Soviet government (and none others can come here under normal circumstances) would dare even dream of marrying an American woman and expect to return to the Soviet Union and remain at liberty. This is particularly true in the case of a man who had been with the Foreign Office and was apparently planted into the U. N. for espionage work. Judith is not so stupid as to not be aware of such condition. Even if she were the most ardent American communist, no Soviet official would marry her. That would place him immediately in the ranks of "spies" for foreign powers, as the MVD terms it.

2. Defense counsel's claim that Miss Coplon's father's death on March 29th "followed by a period of mourning in accordance with the deponent's (Miss Coplon's) faith" betrays his claim that her relations with Gubitchev was social and she intended marrying him. Orthodox Jews have a seven-day mourning period after the death of a family member. That would make her an orthodox Jewess. Such a person would not marry a gentile even if he were second to God himself. Therefore, defense counsel is lying from beginning to end.

When the time comes, it would be well to invite as witness an orthodox Rabbi to dispose of lie number 2, and an outstanding Russian authority to smash lie number one.

If you need any assistance, please call on me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Anthony Marcus

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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# MISS COPLON TROTH NO RUSSIAN HINTED

Her Attorney Says Gubitchev  
and She Were on 'Social'  
Terms—Jury Chosen

By LEWIS WOOD

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, April 26—

Broad hints that Judith Coplon contemplates marriage to Valentin Gubitchev, the Soviet engineer arrested with her in New York, were a feature of the second day of the espionage trial of the 27-year-old woman.

Archibald Palmer of New York, defense attorney, threw out the strong intimation just before a jury was finally drawn to try the former Justice Department employe on charges of stealing Government security secrets so as to aid a foreign country.

Mr. Palmer requested Judge Albert L. Reeves to ask the prospective jurors if they had any prejudice against a divorced person or one seeking divorce. The defense lawyer said he knew this would be a "pertinent" question during the trial. Mr. Palmer then commented that Soviet Russia did not allow Russian wives of foreigners to leave that country. Immediately afterward, through Judge Reeves, the jurors were asked if they would entertain a prejudice against an American marrying a foreigner.

## Miss Coplon Bows Her Head

Miss Coplon, small, slight, and dressed in black, bowed her head during these questions. During a court recess, reporters flatly asked Mr. Palmer if he meant that the defendant wanted to marry Gubitchev. The lawyer told them to draw their own conclusions, but he would not sue them for libel.

Gubitchev is married and has two children. At the time of his arrest, it was said he was living in Manhattan.

Mr. Palmer made no secret of Miss Coplon's personal attitude toward the 32-year old Russian engineer. At one time during the questioning of jurors, the lawyer leaped to his feet and said:

"We don't deny there was a social relationship. Judith Coplon will take the witness stand to tell all about it. She was with this man many times."

THE NEW YORK TIMES, WEDNESDAY

*Gubitchev Is Released in \$100*

Selection of the jury occupied virtually all day. A panel of twenty-eight persons were closely examined to ascertain if they had prejudices of various kinds. Her black head held close to that of her attorney, Miss Coplon advised him at each step whether to accept or reject a prospective occupant of the jury box. Finally, four negro women, two negro men, and six white men were chosen to pass on Miss Coplon's fate.

Half the jurors are present or past Government workers, a fact attracting special attention in view of Mr. Palmer's attitude toward persons in this category. The defense lawyer, in fact, asked Judge Reeves to exclude all Government employes from the jury, but the request was denied.

"In view of the fact that this case involves the security of the Government," Mr. Palmer inquired at one time, "don't any of you folks who are working for the Government feel you'd rather not serve on the jury, because if you acquitted Miss Coplon you might be embarrassed in explaining to your superiors?"

## Fourteen Challenges in All

The prospective jurors shook their heads negatively. Similar denial of prejudice followed questions put by Judge Reeves on various other matters. Mr. Palmer could not draw from any of the panel an admission that he or she would not hear Miss Coplon's case fairly. However, before the jury was selected, the defense challenged

eight persons, and the Government, six.

When the trial resumes tomorrow, Mr. Palmer will argue that the papers and other articles seized in Miss Coplon's handbag when she was arrested with Gubitchev in New York March 4 should be returned. In a formal motion filed today, he alleged that the handbag was seized on Third Avenue by FBI agents without a warrant for the arrest of the young woman. The motion demanded also the suppression of the papers as evidence in the case.

Government counsel will resist the motion in arguments when the jury is excluded from the court room. The Government says that the papers were taken from the Justice Department's secret files.

The death of Miss Coplon's father on March 29 in New York was cited as an explanation for a delay in filing the motion. The death of the father, the motion stated, was followed by a period of mourning in accordance with the deponent's (Miss Coplon's) faith. Thereafter, your deponent was engrossed in the care of her ill mother."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *sh*  
 FROM : Mr. Fletcher *BF*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was,  
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DATE: May 16, 1949

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

In connection with the trial in this case you will recall that two female workers of the New York Office testified. They were Sappho Manos, the chief clerk of the New York Office, and Catherine Condon, a stenographer. Mr. John Kelley and Mr. Raymond Whearty, the two prosecutors in this case, advised Special Agent R. J. Lamphere that both girls made excellent witnesses and reflected credit on the Bureau.

## RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve it is recommended that this memorandum be routed to the Administrative Division for the preparation of letters of commendation for these two employees.

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*Commended by letters  
 dated 5/16/49 -  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT:

DATE: May 9, 1949

There is enclosed, for the Bureau's information, a newspaper clipping of the column "By the Way" by news commentator BILL HENRY with reference to the JUDITH COPLON case.

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Enclosure

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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# THE WAY... WITH BILL HENRY

**WASHINGTON**—You, my fine-feathered friend, may go down to Fowler Bros. and purchase yourself a detective story with which to give yourself a thrill. Me—I'll take mine direct, by just dropping in on the Judith Coplon trial.

**MATA HARI**—Judith Coplon is the little government girl who is accused of stealing secrets from the files of the Justice Department and turning them over to Valentine Gubichev, a Russian. Whether she did it or not is, of course, for the jury to decide. But this trial has everything. There is the defendant, a shousy little girl seated by herself at a desk. A few feet away is her recently widowed mother, in mourning, and reputedly in ill-health. There is the excitable little defense lawyer, Archibald Palmer, with his incessant arguments, objections, flowery phrases, asides, quotations from the Bible, the classics, the Bartlett's glossary. There is the even-tempered judge from the Middle West, who manages to be firm without being dictatorial. And there is the anonymous and super-efficient FBI.

**DOUBLE-HEADER**—This is the first of two trials. This one merely charges Judith Coplon with taking secrets from the Justice Department files. The next one, scheduled for New York, will cover the same territory but will include the Russian Gubichev on a charge of conspiracy. It has been a revelation, this week, to see the manner in which the FBI goes to work. It is now evident that, early in January, the government became convinced that Judith Coplon was up to some sort of funny business. We aren't told what went on behind the inscrutable facade of the building on Pennsylvania Ave. but, as the evidence unfolds, it is evident that once the FBI moved into the case, plenty happened.

**EVIDENCE**—What the little girl thought about it, you could not tell. She doesn't have an expressive face. There were times, earlier in the trial, when she smiled—laughed, in fact. Now she doesn't. She protests to the reporters that she is trying to keep up her mother's spirits. "You don't want me to cry in front of her—with her weak heart—do you?" she asks. Bouncy Archibald Palmer, her attorney, is going to work this sympathy angle to the hilt. He refers to his client as the "little girl." He is picturing her as the misunderstood, defenseless, girlish-

innocent private citizen being buried under a huge mountain of trumped-up suspicion and innuendo by a vast, clanking, cruel, Gestapolike government agency.

**EFFICIENCY**—As you sit there, watching and listening, you get an education. The Justice Department attorney is cold, factual, undramatic—all business. He has charts, photographs, an enormous file, a vast notebook, heaps of data. He speaks quietly. He calls to the stand a procession of witnesses, explaining first that there were "three surveillances—Jan. 14, Feb. 18, March 4"—and his witnesses will describe them in order. As they talk, identify photographs, follow their movements on a map of uptown New York, they impress you with the utter thoroughness of their methods. You get the idea that on that first day, January 14, Judith Coplon left her neat Washington apartment, went down to Union Station and boarded the 1 o'clock train and thereupon set off quite a chain of events.

**FACTS**—Nobody says so but, as the witnesses testify, you get a picture of an "alert" from Washington, and a young army of young men sprinkled along the platform of Penn Station in New York a few minutes before 3 p.m. to meet the train. Somebody put the finger on Judith—that's clear. Some of the operatives followed her. And how! She went to the subway, to a drugstore, she walked around the block, she went into another store, she doubled back around the block, she met Gubichev. They went to a restaurant, they came out, they went to another subway station, Gubichev leaped out of the train at the last moment before the doors slammed shut and took another train, he got in a cab and circled about. The details are vivid and complete—even to a 45-minute stay by Judith in the ladies' powder room.

**EVIDENCE**—You aren't sure what this is all leading up to, but you're convinced that it is a mighty thorough, itemized check that has been carried on. There is something inexorable about it. You get the feeling that you wouldn't particularly care to have anything happen that would let loose, on your trail, this body of remorseless young men who move so mysteriously, so efficiently, and so quietly. You can have Fu Manchu—I'll take the FBI.

Hear Bill Henry, Monday through Friday, KJL, 8:55 p.m.

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# SECURITY DIVISION FBI

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TO: ☒ Director

_____ Mr. Tolson	_____ Mr. H. B. Fletcher
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_____ Mr. Nichols	_____ Mr. Laughlin
_____ Mr. Rosen	_____ Mr. Wall
_____ Mr. Tracy	_____ Mr. Keay
_____ Mr. Q. Tamm	_____ Mr. Whitson
_____ Mr. Mohr	_____
_____ Miss Gandy	_____
_____ Mr. Nease	_____ Mr. Ferris
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_____ Mr. Winterrowd	_____ Mr. Callan
_____ Mr. J. A. Carlson	_____
_____ Mr. E. J. McCabe	_____ See Me
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_____ Miss Artley	_____ Appropriate action
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: May 6, 1949

FROM : L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS  
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Mr. Pennington	
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Supervisor Ken Delavigne, Washington Field Office, called at 4:40 p.m. today and referred to the activity of Special Agent Mendenhall in connection with this case. It will be recalled that Mendenhall, because of his complete knowledge of all of the technicals utilized, is, after discussions with Messrs. Whearty and Kelley, not to be used as a witness.

Special Agent Mendenhall is being married tomorrow, May 7. He expects to take his honeymoon within one day's trip of Washington, approximately 200 miles. Mr. Delavigne said that he had Agent Mendenhall talk with Mr. Kelley of the Department today and Mr. Kelley told Mendenhall that there is not a "chance in a million" that he will use him as a witness in this case. Delavigne said accordingly, unless instructed to the contrary, he will permit Agent Mendenhall to carry out his plans for a honeymoon.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS  
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DATE: May 11, 1949

Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. Nichols  
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Miss Gandy

Special Agent Miller of the New York Office advises me that during the examination of Special Agent Wilson on the stand today, at one point, Palmer, the defense attorney, made Special Agent Wilson his witness for the purpose of two or three questions. These questions were worded to get across to the Jury that the relations of Gubitchev and his wife were very strained. They went to the knowledge of Special Agent Wilson to this strained relationship. In answering the questions, he advised in effect that he had no such information.

Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley now, on cross-examination of Special Agent Wilson so far as this particular direct examination is concerned, desire to ask questions of Special Agent Wilson which will relate to transcripts of conferences held with Gubitchev when he was confined in default of bond. These conferences were always attended by Mr. Donegan and one or more representatives of the Soviet Embassy, and a State Department representative.

In these transcripts there is conversation in which the Soviet Embassy representative conveyed to Gubitchev the good wishes of his wife, and in one instance <sup>explained</sup> his wife stated that she did not come to the jail because she did not want to remember her husband as having been in jail. Also one of the Soviet representatives on one occasion delivered a letter to Gubitchev from his wife. This letter is set out verbatim in the transcript and is replete with endearments.

Mr. Kelley proposes to ask Special Agent Wilson if he has read any such transcripts. Special Agent Wilson has and so he will answer yes. Then, Mr. Kelley will, for example, ask a question, "And did you read the letter from Mrs. Gubitchev to her husband which reads as follows....." and then he will read off the entire letter. Even though there is an objection to the question, the effect desired by Kelley is achieved. Kelley's strategy is merely an adaptation of Palmer's minute to minute tactics.

The only problem presented from the Bureau's standpoint is that Mr. Donegan furnished the transcripts on a confidential basis. It is not known why he stated they were furnished on a confidential basis. I phoned ASAG Belmont, and he is checking with Mr. Donegan to see if there is any objection to Mr. Kelley and Mr. Whearty asking such questions of Special Agent Wilson, which really are questions designed to have him say yes he has read such transcripts.

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ADDENDUM:

Since the dictation of the foregoing it has been ascertained that SA Wilson actually has read some of the transcripts but he actually has not read the transcripts where it is indicated that the relationship of Mr. and Mrs. Gubitchev is good. If the questions are asked and he answers, his answer will be no, he did not read any letter in the transcripts. Since SA Wilson was put on the stand in the first instance as a Government witness and since it would be clear to everyone that Mr. Kelly would know that the answer to the question is no, it would appear to be most undesirable that he should ask SA Wilson such questions knowing that the answer is no. Mr. Kelly, in fact, makes his speech to the jury and it would appear to be a prejudicial error.

Also, Mr. Belmont called back and talked to night Supervisor Milnes and advised that he had talked with Mr. Donegan about the use of the transcripts and whether or not they were confidential. Mr. Donegan said that as far as he was concerned they were not confidential but he suggested contacting the State Department and securing their attitude about the matter since a State Department representative was present at the time. Mr. Donegan said that he would be in Washington early on the morning of May 12, 1949, and would talk to Mr. Kelly or Mr. Whearty in Mr. Whearty's office before 9:00 A. M.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*  
 FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBFe*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: May 20, 1949

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At the second morning session of the trial in instant case SA J. R. Murphy completed his direct testimony and Palmer had just begun cross-examining Agent Murphy at the noon recess.

Nothing of particular interest occurred during this period.

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cc - Mr. Ladd

Mr. Fletcher

The Attorney General

May 19, 1949

Director, FBI

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During the trial of Judith Coplon on May 18, 1949, the Government introduced in evidence pages 74, 75, 76, 77 and a portion of page 78 of the report of Special Agent T. Scott Miller dated March 3, 1949, at New York in this case. The theory apparently was that since the testimony Defense Attorney Palmer had brought out in examination of Government witnesses, that notes taken by Agents of this Bureau containing strictly biographical data concerning Judith Coplon had been destroyed after transcription, might have had some bad effect on the jury, that it was necessary to introduce the report pages covering such data. It has been pointed out to the Government's attorneys in this case that the matter might raise a dangerous precedent and that the production of any of the official reports of this Bureau was something that we have been attempting to avoid over a long period of time.

Defense Attorney Palmer has now laid a predication for the possible introduction of another portion of the same report dealing with the interrogation of Valentine Gubitchev who is not on trial in Washington. Unless vigorous steps are taken to prevent Palmer from wandering so far afield the possibility exists that the door may be opened to the introduction of reports of this Bureau piecemeal and in such a way as to prejudice prosecution of Coplon and Gubitchev in the Southern District of New York.

I am very strongly opposed to the further production in evidence of any portion of the reports prepared by this Bureau in this case and most particularly to portions of reports dealing with the background, activities or associates of Gubitchev.

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Mr. Jones  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 Attention: H. B. FLETCHER *ABFW*  
 FROM : SAC, New York  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: May 10, 1949

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Reference is made to the telephone call between ASAC BELMONT and Bureau Supervisor E. GREGG.

Enclosed herewith is a photostatic copy of a Notice of Motion returnable May 16, 1949, which was served on Special Assistant to the Attorney General, THOMAS J. DONEGAN, today.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE  
A. GUBITCHEV,

Defendants

CRIMINAL NO. 129-108

TO THE PLAINTIFF ABOVE NAMED and TO HONORABLE  
JOHN F. X. MCGOHEY, United States Attorney  
for the Southern District of New York,  
HONORABLE RAYMOND P. WHEARTY, Special  
Assistant to the Attorney General, and  
HONORABLE THOMAS J. DONEGAN, Special  
Assistant to the Attorney General:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE  
that on Monday, the 16th day of May, 1949, at the hour of  
ten-thirty A.M. (D.S.T.), or as soon thereafter as counsel  
can be heard, at a Term for Motions of this Court, to be held  
at Room 318 of the United States Court House, Foley Square,  
in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, JUDITH COPLON,  
one of the defendants above named, without waiving her right  
to plead not guilty to the indictment heretofore filed here-  
in, will move under Rule 41 (e) of the Federal Rules of  
Criminal Procedure, and the Fourth and Fifth Amendments of  
the Constitution of the United States, for the return of her  
papers and property, and being papers and other property  
claimed to be illegally obtained and seized from her person,  
on the ground that the said property, consisting of hand  
written and typewritten papers and other personal articles,  
were illegally seized without warrant or consent.

Said motion will be made upon this notice of  
motion, the affidavit of JUDITH COPLON, duly sworn to the  
7th day of May, 1949 and annexed hereto, the files in said  
proceeding, and on the indictment on file in the above

entitled proceeding, and any and all other papers on file  
pertinent thereto.

DATED, New York, N.Y.,  
May 9th, 1949.

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ARCHIBALD PALMER  
ARCHIBALD PALMER,  
Attorney for Defendant  
JUDITH COPLON,  
Office & P.O. Address,  
No. 320 Broadway,  
Borough of Manhattan,  
City of New York.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE  
A. GUBITCHEV,

Defendants

CRIMINAL NO.

CITY OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK  
STATE OF NEW YORK

)  
( SS  
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JUDITH COPLON, being duly sworn, deposes and  
says:

That she is one of the defendants above named  
and makes this affidavit in support of a motion for the  
return of her property and to suppress evidence.

That on the 4th day of March, 1949, between eight-  
thirty and nine P. M., on Third Avenue, near the intersection  
of East 15th Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of  
New York, your deponent, unlawfully, illegally and without  
probable cause, was seized violently by members of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States and  
arrested, without the authority of either a warrant of ar-  
rest or a search warrant issued either by a Judge of the  
United States, or a State, or Territorial Court of Record,  
or by a United States Commissioner within the District where-  
in the property so seized was located.

At the time of the said arrest of your deponent  
the persons so arresting her seized from her a ladies' hand-  
bag belonging to your deponent which ladies' handbag con-  
tained, among other things, her private papers, written and  
typewritten and also retained the said ladies' handbag, with  
her said private papers and its other contents, consisting

among other things of the following:

- (1) Red French purse-wallet (being inside the said ladies' handbag);
- (2) Fifty odd Dollars and some change
- (3) Key to Brooklyn apartment of her mother and father at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, and other miscellaneous keys;
- (4) Charge-a-plate from The Hecht Co., Washington, D.C.
- (5) Social Security Card
- (6) Library Card, American University Washington, D.C.
- (7) District of Columbia Public Library Card
- (8) Group Health Membership Card
- (9) Miscellaneous business cards, including Justice Department Identification Card
- (10) Black Schaeffer Fountain Pen
- (11) Red Address Book
- (12) Small 1949 memo book
- (13) Check book
- (14) Deposit book for checking account of deponent
- (15) A book entitled "All They Conquests", by Alfred Hayes.

That a demand was made by your deponent for the return of all of the above enumerated items, including her private papers, written and typewritten. That no part thereof was returned until the 4th day of April, 1949, at which time there were returned to your deponent the following:

- (1) 1 pair of Light blue framed glasses, on the case of which is the address of the Manhattan Optical Company, 191 Canal Street, New York City;
- (2) 1 optical cloth, on which is written Manhattan Optical Company, 191 Canal Street, New York City;
- (3) 1 box of face powder, on the case of which is written Ponds Angel Face;
- (4) 1 Irresistible Lipstick, shade Pink Orchid;
- (5) 1 book of stamps contained five 3 cent stamps;
- (6) 1 book of stamps contained 24 one cent stamps;
- (7) 1 Black perfume atomizer, with case;
- (8) 1 Book matches
- (9) 1 Black (Lido) comb;
- (10) 1 2x3 mirror;
- (11) 1 emory board;
- (12) 3 used Kleenex tissues;
- (13) 1 empty Kleenex tissues pocket pack;
- (14) 1 Safety pin
- (15) 2 Bobby pins;
- (16) 1 piece of elastic

(as per receipt given on April 4th, 1949 for the said items as having been received from R. I. Wirth and T. S. Miller of the Federal Bureau of Investigation <sup>and</sup> as having been taken from deponent at the time of her arrest on March 4, 1949).

That the other property above referred to has never been returned, although demand therefor has been made, which

demand was refused.

Your deponent believes that unless prevented in the course of orderly administration of justice by this Court these papers and the above entitled articles will be offered at the trial of this proceeding. Your deponent is desirous of obtaining her legal rights under the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution and also all rights vouchsafed her by law.

Deponent is informed by her attorney that a search and seizure incident to an arrest, without the authority of a warrant and without probable cause, is an unreasonable search and seizure and the property so seized should be returned to the defendant.

Deponent is further informed that even if the search should uncover evidence which might tend to bolster the claim of probable cause, which is not the fact in the instant case, nevertheless such search made in violation of the Constitution would not be made lawful by what it brought to light.

All of the papers taken from deponent, as hereinabove referred to, were and are her private papers and deponent is informed that the Government had no right to seize those private papers, even if they would tend to show guilt which, too, is not the fact in the present case.

This motion is made under Rule 41 (e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, which provides that unless good cause is shown a motion of this nature should be made before trial.

WHEREFORE, deponent respectfully prays for the relief set forth in the annexed notice of motion.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS )  
7th day of May, 1949 )

JUDITH COPLON /s/

ABRAHAM H. GORDON,  
Notary Public in the State of New York  
Qualified in Bronx County  
Commission expires March 30, 1950

No.....

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

*Mr. Donegan*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE  
A. GUBITCHEV,

Defendants

AFFIDAVIT AND NOTICE OF  
MOTION FOR RETURN OF  
PROPERTY

*John F. McGohey*

*42*

ARCHIBALD PALMER

Solicitor for Defendant Coplon

320 BROADWAY  
Borough of Manhattan New York City



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI      ATTENTION: MR. H.B. FLETCHER      DATE: May 12, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

In response to the telephone request from Mr. H. B. Fletcher to ASAC A. H. Belmont on the afternoon of May 11, 1949, there are being forwarded herewith via special delivery registered mail, five photographs along with the negatives depicting various views of the southbound bus stop located at the northwest corner of Broadway and West 187th Street, New York City. 1-27

These photographs were taken at approximately 9:00 A.M. May 12th by Photographer Franklin Ernest Schweitzer in the presence of and at the direction of SA Daniel F. Garde.

Identifying data pointing out the direction from which these photographs were taken appears in longhand on the back of each of the photographs. Two of the photographs, looking from east to west at the northwest corner were made from the same negative. The second print was made in order to show a closer view of the corner.

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9 ENC;  
SPECIAL DELIVERY  
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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

5 Photo's delivered to  
Kelley 5<sup>10</sup> PM May 13, 1949  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI ATT: Mr. HOWARD B. FLETCHER DATE: May 10, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

As per request of Assistants to the Attorney General WHEARTY and KELLY, there are being forwarded herewith by registered mail, special delivery, 64 photographs, together with negatives, depicting various scenes in upper Manhattan in the vicinity of routes taken by the subject on the occasions that she was under surveillance. Identifying data appears on the back of each photograph. *2-1*

These photographs were taken in the late afternoon of May 9, 1949, by Photographers Lawrence A. Winsch and Franklin E. Schweitzer at the direction of and in the presence of SA Daniel F. Garde, SA Thomas McAndrews was present during the photographing of the scenes in and around Fort Tryon Park.

For convenience in finding negatives, the latter have been arranged in the same order as the prints.

It is to be noted that some of the photographs do not reflect routes actually used by subject while under surveillance, but alternate routes that might be used to arrive at places she reached by other means.

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SPECIAL DELIVERY  
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*5/11/49*  
*64 Photog. delivered to*  
*Kelley's office*  
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Taken May 8, 1949 Schute & Wink

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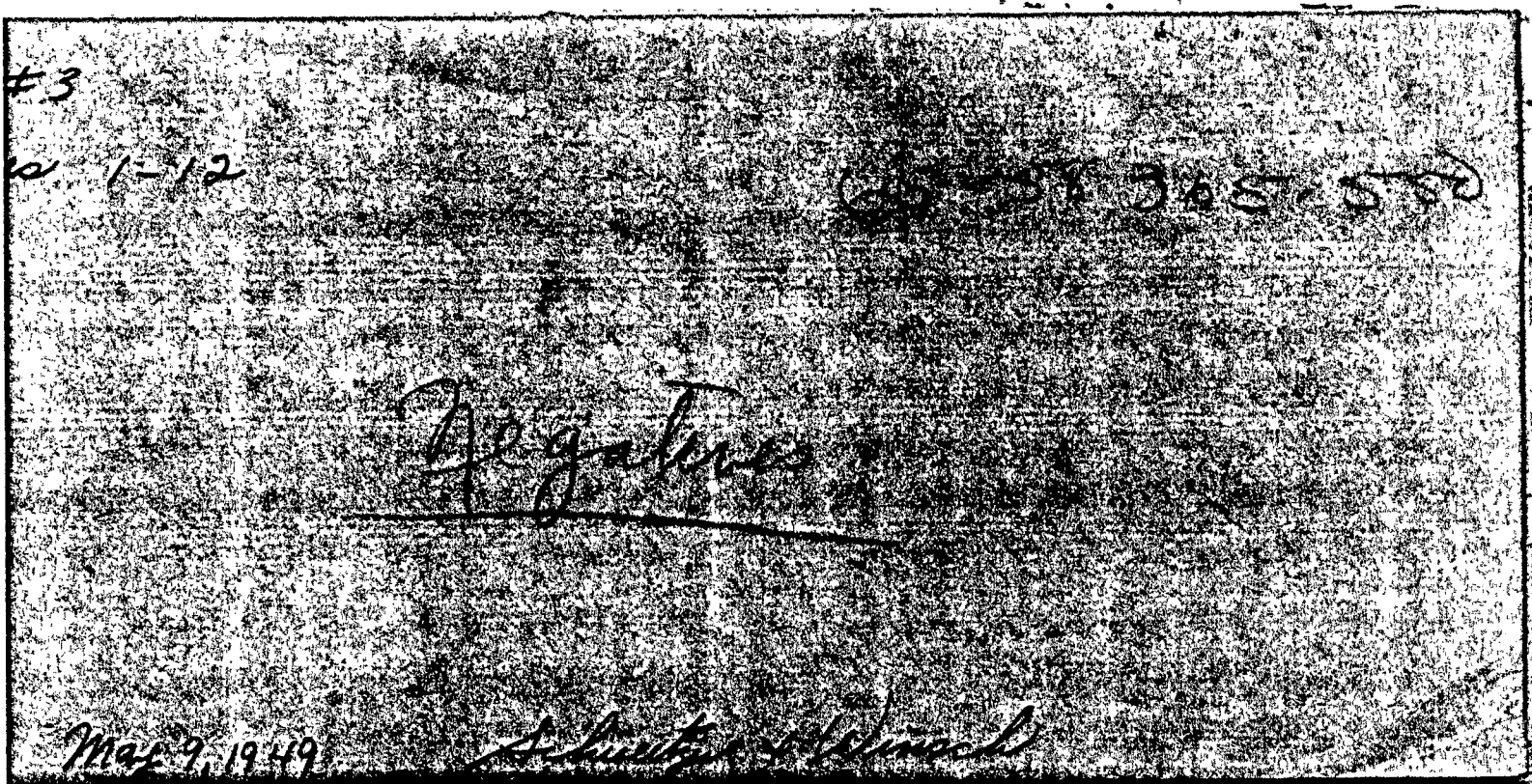
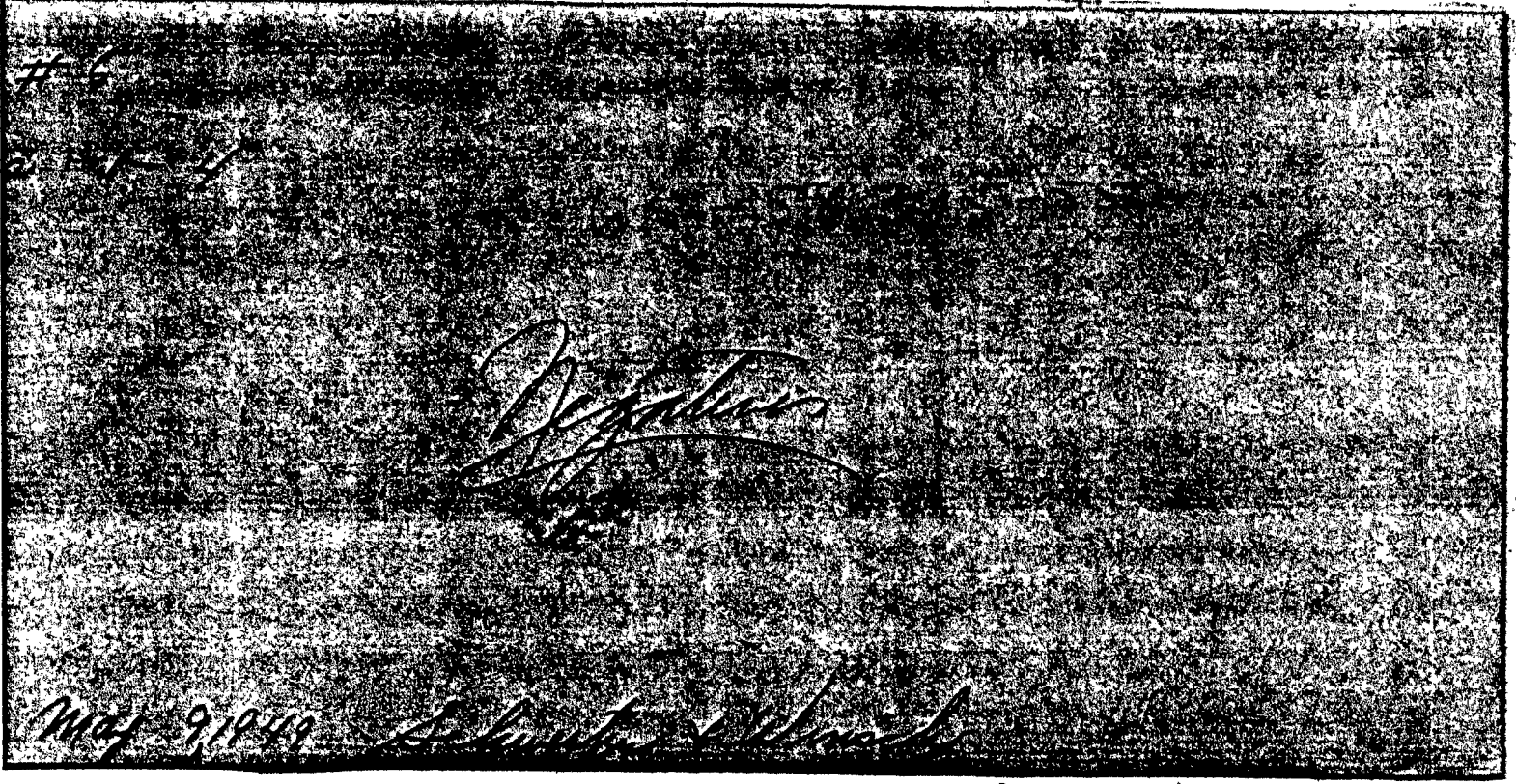
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: March 2, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 5:00 PM tonight, I took to Mr. Peyton Ford's office a memorandum of March 1, 1949, which contained deceptive, disruptive information under the title of the "Amtorg Trading Corporation".

This memorandum had been requested by Mr. Ford so that he could make it available to Coplon with the expectation that she might attempt to furnish the information contained in the memorandum to her contacts.

Mr. Peyton Ford advised me that he had received a memorandum from the State Department which he exhibited to me. This memorandum states that it would be proper to cause the arrest of the Soviet agent Gubitchev at an appropriate time to see if he had been furnished documentary material by the subject, Coplon. I did not have the possession of this State Department memorandum long enough to digest it into my mind, but I noted that the State Department indicated that the Department of Justice might desire to leave this subject, Gubitchev, alone, with the thought in mind that he might prove to be more important with relation to some unidentified matter. Mr. Ford stated that he could not deal with such abstract matters, particularly having in mind the facts of this case. He stated that he had discussed the memorandum with the Attorney General who had instructed "proceed". He stated that Attorney General also indicated that if Gubitchev was arrested they would release him when they got around to it, rather than immediately upon verification of his United Nations credentials.

Mr. Ray Whearty of the Criminal Division came in at the request of Mr. Ford and he submitted a memorandum to Mr. Ford which I did not see but which evidently set forth the legal opinion that for a successful prosecution of espionage it will be necessary that Coplon furnish to Gubitchev information relating to the national defense, and it was indicated that this information must be of restricted character rather than that which could be obtained from public sources. After Mr. Ford read this legal opinion, he returned to me the memorandum of March 1, entitled, "Amtorg Trading Corporation", and requested that there be added a paragraph to it which would contain information relating to the national defense. I told him that normally such information came from Army sources without identifying such sources but I would see what I could do to get the type of information into the memorandum that he desired. Peyton Ford stated that he would like to have the memorandum tomorrow morning. He also advised me that a memorandum would be prepared instructing what the Bureau should do about the arrest of Coplon and Gubitchev.

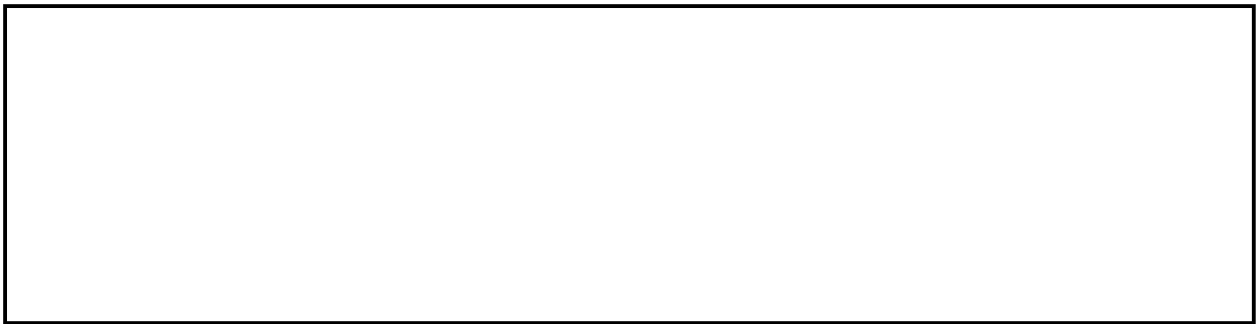
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and the action to be taken. He said this memorandum would come through tomorrow..



ACTION:

Every effort is being made to secure the information which should be added to the memorandum and when available, the necessary memorandum will be prepared, addressed to Mr. Peyton Ford, and it will be handled special so that it will be available to the Department as promptly as possible.

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FBI WASHINGTON FIELD

4-29-49

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DIRECTOR, FBI

JUBETH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. YOU WILL RECALL THAT COPLON AT THE TIME OF HER ARREST HAD IN HER POSSESSION INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED BY HIS SUPERIORS AT ARLINGTON HALL SHORTLY AFTER THE ARREST OF COPLON, AT WHICH TIME HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD KNOWN HER SINCE THE SUMMER OF 1946. IT IS FELT THAT HE MAY BE IN POSSESSION OF OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING COPLON WHICH HE DID NOT FURNISH HIS SUPERIORS.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED FOR AN IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW

WITH [REDACTED] AS BUREAU KNOWS, [REDACTED] SUBJECT OF SEPARATE ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION THIS OFFICE.

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Mem. to WFO  
on 4/25/49 authorizing  
interview  
BGT

cc - WFO File 65-5158

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. THE NAME, PHILIP G. PAVIA, FIFTY THREE WEST EIGHTH STREET, NYC WAS FOUND IN SUBJECT'S ADDRESS BOOK AT THE TIME OF HER ARREST. PAVIA REPORTEDLY POSSIBLY EMPLOYED IN BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT AND REPORTED TO HAVE MOTHER AND RELATIVES RESIDING THAT CITY. ALSO BELIEVED TO MAINTAIN BANK ACCOUNT BRIDGEPORT. INFORMANT ADVISED PAVIA HAS PHONE, BRIDGEPORT SIX DASH TWO NAUGHT TWO EIGHT ALSO BRIDGEPORT THREE DASH THREE ONE TWO ONE. ASCERTAIN SUBSCRIBERS TO ABOVE NUMBERS AND DISCREETLY ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP ALL POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT AND BACKGROUND INFO RE PAVIA. PAVIA REPORTEDLY A SCULPTOR. DESCRIBED, AGE THIRTY NINE, HEIGHT FIVE SIX, WEIGHT ONE SEVENTY, HAIR BLACK, EYES DARK, COMPLEXION OLIVE, VOICE HUSKY, RACE POSSIBLY ITALIAN. PAVIA REPORTEDLY VISITED ITALY FROM APPROXIMATELY MARCH TO AUGUST, FORTY EIGHT. ATTEMPT TO VERIFY. SUTEL RESULTS.

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
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Mr. Nease  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*  
 FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS., ET AL  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: May 10, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Mr. Payne of the WFO called at 1:05 P.M. today and advised that there were no particular developments of importance in connection with this trial so far today. Mr. Payne said that Special Agent Brewer Wilson of the New York Office spent the entire morning on the witness stand testifying as to the various surveillances in which he participated. From all indications Mr. Payne said Wilson probably will spend quite a good portion of the afternoon on the stand.

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Director, FBI

May 9, 1949

SAC, Kansas City

JAMES B. JAMES, was  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. JAMES RILEY, Prosecuting Attorney, Cole County, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised SA ROWEN B. AYERS that his office has received two telephone calls from JAMES BOB JAMES from Ripley, Tennessee. Mr. RILEY did not talk to JAMES, but JAMES talked to State Circuit Judge SAM BLAIR of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Mr. RILEY advised that he represented JAMES in connection with a case in 1943 when JAMES received a sentence of eighteen months in the United States District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, on January 4, 1943, on a plea of guilty to a violation of the Federal Firearms Act. JAMES is alleged to have said that he thought RILEY might have some influence with United States District Judge ALBERT L. REEVES who is a trial judge in connection with the case of JUDITH COPLON. JAMES is alleged to have said that he wanted RILEY to fly to Washington, D. C. to assist Miss COPLON and that he JAMES would send him \$1,000.00 to pay for the trip.

Mr. RILEY advised SA AYERS that he wanted nothing to do with JAMES or the COPLON matter and that he did not know whether JAMES actually had any information with respect to that matter.

It is noted that JAMES is a subject of Kansas City file 65-1035, entitled JAMES B. JAMES, was, Espionage, Sedition, Federal Firearms Act, Selective Service, and the latter case was closed with the report of SA CARROLL WILLOUGHBY MORROW, dated January 21, 1943 at Kansas City.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau for its information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *they*  
 FROM : E. M. Gregg *EMG*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: May 11, 1949

Mr. Tolson ✓  
 Mr. Clegg ✓  
 Mr. Glavin ✓  
 Mr. Ladd ✓  
 Mr. Nichols ✓  
 Mr. Rosen ✓  
 Mr. Tracy ✓  
 Mr. Egan ✓  
 Mr. Gurnea ✓  
 Mr. Harbo ✓  
 Mr. Mohr ✓  
 Mr. Pennington ✓  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
 Tele. Room ✓  
 Mr. Nease ✓  
 Miss Holmes ✓  
 Miss Gandy ✓

At 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 1949, on your authorization, I received a telephone call from ASAC A. H. Belmont of the New York Office. He advised that T. J. Donegan, Assistant to the Attorney General had on that day been served with a Notice of Motion returnable at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 16, 1949, in the Southern District of New York. The Motion was filed by Attorney Archibald Palmer for the purpose of having all papers and effects taken from Judith Coplon at the time of her arrest produced and returned to her inasmuch as they had been illegally seized without warrant or her consent. This Motion was supported by the affidavit of Judith Coplon.

ASAC Belmont advised that the New York Office was forwarding a copy of the Notice of Motion by mail on the evening of May 10, 1949.

ACTION:

None. The above is submitted solely for your information.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *143E*

DATE: May 13, 1949

FROM : Robert R. Granville *RRG*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Please be advised that Special Agents Brewer Wilson and John F. Malley completed their testimony in connection with instant case today and are returning to New York City tonight, their office of assignment.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/13/49

FROM: SAC, San Juan

SUBJECT: CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANTS

An individual once member of the Communist Party, USA, and who associated in the past with Communists in Puerto Rico, has made a statement to the San Juan office covering those activities. In the course of his contacts with this office, he stated he intended to mail a short note to the office, attention the contacting agent, but instead delivered it hand to hand. He said he reconsidered the mailing in view of the revelations at New York concerning JUDITH COPLON and felt safer than had it passed through office administrative channels. This informant then revealed the belief that JUDITH COPLON was an employee of or in the same Government unit as this Bureau.

The former position of JUDITH COPLON was explained to his now satisfaction and he said he had not known much about Federal Government Bureaus and Departments and assumed from newspaper accounts of the trial that JUDITH COPLON of the Department of Justice was accordingly in the same unit as this Bureau.

These circumstances are brought to the attention of the Bureau with the thought that there may be others with an erroneous opinion similar to that informant previously held. It is observed that such a belief might in some instances deter individuals from contact with this Bureau or from furnishing information in which their names or activities were involved.

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*Newspaper accounts  
have all said life [?] for  
of which we are a part  
but if individuals do not  
understand the fact we are  
a Bureau there is nothing  
we can do about it.*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*  
 FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV  
 ESPIONAGE - (R)

DATE: May 12, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

In my absence at 1:35 P.M. today SAAG Raymond P. Whearty of the Department called Mr. Laughlin and advised that Archibald Palmer, attorney for Coplon, had made a demand for the production of the "physical description sheet" showing the height, weight, color of eyes, etc. of Gubitchev and Coplon which allegedly was filled out by the FBI Agents immediately subsequent to the arrest of the subjects. Mr. Whearty inquired whether the Bureau utilized such a form or sheet. He was advised that we did fingerprint subjects of our cases when they were taken into custody and the reverse side of the fingerprint card contains descriptive data.

Mr. Whearty inquired if it would be possible to obtain a photostatic copy of the fingerprint records showing the descriptive data on Gubitchev and Coplon this afternoon. Mr. Laughlin told him that we would do all in our power to make photostatic copies of these documents available. Mr. Laughlin has called Mr. Quinn Tamm's Office in the Identification Division and requested that the fingerprint cards submitted by the New York Office on Gubitchev, FBI No. 157540A, and on Coplon, FBI No. 157539A, be sent to him immediately. Upon their receipt, if you concur, arrangements will be made for the photostating of these fingerprint cards. Immediately upon completion of this, the cards will be made available to Mr. Whearty.

*Photostats made  
 available to Kelley  
 RLF*

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LLL:mer

ADDENDUM:

Mr. Robert Granville of the New York Office who has supervised this case advised that no "physical description sheet" as such was filled out but, of course, the descriptive data on the reverse side of the fingerprint card was filled in at the time the fingerprints of these subjects were taken.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HB*

FROM : R. R. Granville *RRG*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: May 16, 1949

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Please be advised that Special Agent M. F. Carey completed his testimony in the Coplon case today and has departed for New York.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DM*  
 FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HB*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 VALENTINE GUBITCHEV  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: May 16, 1949

Mr. Tolson ☒  
 Mr. Clegg ☒  
 Mr. Glavin ☒  
 Mr. Ladd ☒  
 Mr. Nichols ☒  
 Mr. Rosen ☒  
 Mr. Tracy ☒  
 Mr. Egan ☒  
 Mr. Gurnea ☒  
 Mr. Harbo ☒  
 Mr. Mohr ☒  
 Mr. Pennington ☒  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ☒  
 Tele. Room ☒  
 Mr. Nease ☒  
 Miss Holmes ☒  
 Miss Gandy ☒

As you will recall, the trial of these subjects was scheduled to commence this morning in the SDNY.

At 12:10 P.M. today, ASAC Belmont of New York called and advised that at 9:15 A.M. Gubitchev, accompanied by Tolokonnikov, came out of the Ukrainian Delegation Home at 18 East 79th Street, New York City, and proceeded to the Federal Court House in Foley Square. In the court room Gubitchev and Tolokonnikov were joined by a Russian stenographer and another unidentified Russian.

Judge Kaufman postponed the trial to May 23, 1949. The Judge also set that date for argument on the motion filed by Palmer, counsel for Coplon, to suppress the evidence taken by the Bureau from Coplon at the time of her arrest.

Gubitchev and Tolokonnikov returned to the Ukrainian Delegation Home at 11:18 A.M.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBFw*

FROM : R. R. Granville

SUBJECT: <sup>0</sup>JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 5-17-49

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

This is to advise that Special Agent J. P. Daley completed his testimony in instant case and will return to duty, New York Division, tonight.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DM*

DATE: May 19, 1949

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
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Miss Gandy	

Following the mid-morning recess, Agent Miller again took the stand, at which time Palmer asked him if any Agents had been located in the same apartment building as Gubitchev in New York, which was answered negatively. Palmer asked if any Agents were located in a building in the immediate vicinity which was also answered negatively. He then asked Agent Miller if Coplon's telephone had been tapped in New York or Washington or any other place, to which Agent Miller replied, "I don't know." He asked Miller if he would tell him if he did know. Miller replied "Yes."

Agent Tom Zoeller took the stand at 11:30 A.M. and Palmer asked him if he had ever been on a surveillance on consulates, embassies, or the United Nations. This was objected to by Mr. Kelley, and the objection was sustained. Palmer then stated that the Judge had allowed an Agent to "answer this question yesterday," to which the Judge said he didn't care, he was ruling on it today. It is believed that Palmer was making reference to the question which he had put to Agent Wirth concerning counterespionage agents when he made the above statement re surveillances.

Palmer then brought up the question of FBI observers in court and the Judge said he would not allow Palmer to pursue this line of questioning.

Just before the noon recess Palmer asked Agent Zoeller if he had notes taken on the surveillance. Zoeller said that he did have but did not know whether they were in Washington or New York. Mr. Kelley has requested that if these notes are in Washington, to let him have them. He said that he will object to the introduction of these notes but that he believes it inadvisable to object too strenuously. Judge Reeves also asked Agent Zoeller that if he had these notes available in Washington, to bring them to court this afternoon. Agent Zoeller will comply with the Judge's instruction in this regard and have the notes available in court.

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At 1:40 P.M. Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department advised Supervisor Whitson that Agent Zoeller was an excellent witness, that Palmer was getting nowhere with him, and reiterated the item in paragraph two above.

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ADDENDUM *16/*

In accordance with Mr. Ladd's instructions, Mr. Granville

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Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

was directed at approximately 1:58 p.m. to have the Agents point out to Messrs. Whearty and Kelley that the Bureau objected to the introduction of any of its notes or documents and to recommend that Government counsel vigorously protest whenever a demand for such documents is made. It was also pointed out to Mr. Granville that the other Agents who might be called upon as witnesses in this case should be informed of the Bureau's position regarding the introduction of any official documents or notes.

L. L. Laughlin





## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. IADU *DM*  
 FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: May 19, 1949

Mr. Tolson ✓  
 Mr. Clegg ✓  
 Mr. Glavin ✓  
 Mr. Ladd ✓  
 Mr. Nichols ✓  
 Mr. Rosen ✓  
 Mr. Tracy ✓  
 Mr. Egan ✓  
 Mr. Gurnea ✓  
 Mr. Harbo ✓  
 Mr. Mohr ✓  
 Mr. Pennington ✓  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
 Tele. Room ✓  
 Mr. Nease ✓  
 Miss Gandy ✓

Between 10:00 A.M. and the mid-morning recess in the trial of instant case, at 11:10, SA T. Scott Miller, Jr. was called to the stand by defense counsel Palmer and has been identifying photographs Palmer personally took of the area in the vicinity of 193rd Street and Broadway.

*Valued me*  
 During the session of court, Palmer requested the identity of the remaining New York Agents who will be called to the stand to testify. This was furnished him by the Government. He also requested the identity of the WFO Agents to be called as witnesses and Government Prosecutor Kelley declined to furnish him this information. Mr. Kelley objected to the introduction of the interview log and notes regarding the interview of Gubitchey and the Court reserved decision on this matter until SA Robert J. Wirth is again called to the stand. Palmer also requested the court for all personal logs and notes of all Agents on all surveillances and the Court advised him that this was a matter he should take up with the Government prosecutors. Mr. Kelley said that he will oppose this. However, he qualified his remark by stating that he doesn't believe he should deny Palmer this request too strenuously in front of the jury inasmuch as he feels that the introduction of these notes might further impress the jury re the surveillances.

Palmer asked that these notes and logs be brought from New York so that they will be available in the event the Court rules that they must be produced. *mc*

It is to be noted that these documents are now available in Washington.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: May 18, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS.  
ESPIONAGE - R.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
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Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to present the facts concerning the introduction in evidence of the interrogation log on Judith Coplon and certain pages of the report of Special Agent T. Scott Miller dated March 8, 1949, at New York in this case.

BACKGROUND

You will recall that Mr. Kelley of the Department had indicated on May 13, 1949, that he desired to introduce pages 74, 75, 76, 77, and a portion of page 78 of the report of Special Agent T. Scott Miller dated March 8, 1949, at New York covering the data obtained through the interrogation of Judith Coplon subsequent to her arrest March 4, 1949. Mr. Kelley's purpose was to counteract any effect on the Jury which had been brought about by the Defense Attorney Palmer developing the fact that the notes taken by Bureau Agents containing strictly biographical data concerning Coplon had been destroyed.

As you will recall Kelley's intention was made known to you and at your instructions Messrs. Kelley and Whearty as well as Mr. Peyton Ford and George Kneipp of the Criminal Division were told that the Bureau was strongly opposed to the production of any portion of reports made available to the Department in this case.

On the morning of May 18, 1949, while Special Agent T. Scott Miller was on the stand the Government Attorneys introduced the interrogation log on Judith Coplon and the four and a fraction pages from Special Agent Miller's above-mentioned report in photostatic form.

Defense Attorney Palmer who had been demanding this material up to that time objected to its being introduced in evidence before he had an opportunity to peruse it and with the consent of the Court took the interrogation log and the photostats of the report pages during the Court's noon recess. He returned the items to the Court when it convened in the afternoon and announced he had no objection as to its admission in evidence. Thereupon the Government placed the afore-mentioned items in evidence.

Mr. Whearty of the Department has pointed out that in producing the photostatic pages of the report the Government did not identify them as a part of an FBI report but as dictation from the biographical notes which were subsequently destroyed.

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At the close of Court on May 18, 1949, Special Agent Robert J. Wirth

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under examination by Defense Attorney Palmer had testified that an interrogation log was maintained on Gubitchev, that notes taken by Agents containing biographical data had been destroyed after dictation as in the case of Coplon and, further, that Gubitchev denied knowing Coplon.

Palmer has asked Mr. Kelley of the Department to produce the interrogation log on ~~Gubitchev~~. *VARENZINE*

One page of Agent's notes consisting of the negative responses by Gubitchev to questions concerning Coplon is available to the Department.

It is not known, at this time, whether Palmer will request copies of the transcribed biographical data regarding Gubitchev or whether he will request Agents notes concerning the interrogation of Gubitchev concerning Coplon.

#### ACTION

There is attached for your approval a memorandum to the Attorney General pointing out:

1. That the Department has introduced over vigorous Bureau objection photostatic copies of pages of a Bureau report in this case.
2. That the door is thereby opened to introduce piecemeal more Bureau report material.
3. That Palmer is going far afield to obtain information regarding Gubitchev who is not even on trial in this Court.
4. That every effort should be made to prevent a dangerous precedent not only in this case but for the case in New York in the introduction of investigative reports of this Bureau.

Attachment

*I agree,*  
*H.*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. FLETCHER *ABF*

DATE: May 3, 1949

FROM : V. P. KEAY *VPK*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was  
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Mr. Glavin  
Mr. LaddMr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. TracyMr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. HarboMr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington*here*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI - ATTENTION: Mr. H.B. Fletcher

DATE: April 5, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re mylet 4/2/49, furnishing you with photographs of the vicinity of 193rd Street and Broadway, New York City.

Enclosed you will find twelve photographs, with negatives, of points of interest in connection with the surveillances of January 14, February 18 and March 4, 1949. These photographs are sufficiently identified for their possible use in connection with the facts surrounding the surveillances.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *guy* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 27, 1949

The following reflects a check of the indices of the Washington Field Office concerning the jurors selected for the above mentioned matter.

Indices were negative concerning the following jurors:

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| 11.   | Mrs. ADELENA M. HOWARD (Govt)  | 54 719 Irving St., NW<br>Operator Bur. Engr. & Print. |
| 12.   | Mrs. MATTIE A. JONES   | 53 24 Quincy Pl., NE<br>Housewife                     |
| X 16. | ELMER L. MEADE (Govt)  | 43 1741 D St., NE<br>Printer-Linotype, GPO            |
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| 28.   | Mrs. MATTIE E. TAYLOR  | 49 558 23rd Pl., NE<br>Housewife                      |
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Concerning Juror #8, (JOSEPH GOULD), the indices reflect the following information. ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, who has been described by a self confessed espionage agent as being engaged in espionage, was a member of a business organization dealing in government surplus commodities and composed of CHRISTOPHER J. WAGNER, ERWIN M. SHAEFER, JOE GOULD, and FRANK CONOLLY. SILVERMAN was in frequent contact with these persons and on May 9, 1946, accompanied by JOE GOULD, made a trip to New York. There is no information indicating whether there was any significance in SILVERMAN's contacts with GOULD as to espionage activity, nor information identifying this JOE GOULD as being Juror #8.

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Director, FBI  
Re: JUDITH COPLON  
April 27, 1949

The indices of this office further reflect that an individual named JOE GOULD is connected with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The above mentioned JOE GOULD, who was connected with ABRAHAM SILVERMAN is known to be a Professor of Economics and formerly resided in Delaware. The juror numbers appearing in this letter are those jurors selected from Criminal Court Panel #5 for April, 1949.

It is suggested that the Bureau furnish this information to Mr. JOHN M. KELLEY, Prosecutor for the Government in this matter.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Buffalo  
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 28, 1949

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cc- New York  
Washington Field

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM : L. WHITSON *LW*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: May 3, 1949

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. FLETCHER  
 FROM : J. O. CAVADINE  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: May 1, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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At 9:55 AM, May 1, 1949, SA H. V. Kennedy of the New York Office telephonically advised that New York Confidential Informant [redacted] elicited that there was a telephonic conversation between Judith Coplon and her attorney Palmer at 9:30 AM, May 1, 1949,

During the conversation Palmer stated he thinks he will call Mrs. Rosson back to the stand because of an article in the New York Post Saturday. (Kennedy advised that this article in the New York Post appeared on page 6, "A Gap in Coplon Prosecution May Help Show Entrapment") Agent Kenney states that the article deals with the planted document, a summary of which was found in Judith Coplon's possession when she was arrested. Kennedy states that the name of Mrs. Rosson was mentioned in the article.

According to Mr. Kennedy the conversation continued between Mr. Palmer and Judith Coplon, and Palmer requested Coplon to make a list of all republics in the USSR, as well as a list of their capitals. He also requested a list of all the satellite kingdoms and republics around Russia, together with their respective capitals.

Palmer also told Judith Coplon that he was going to ask Mrs. Rosson the definition of a political analyst. Palmer also expressed his belief that Mrs. Rosson would be quite surprised to be called back to the stand to testify again since she thought she was through last Friday.

Palmer also stated, according to [redacted] that he wants to start the case off in a "rediculous vein".

Judith Coplon cautioned Palmer about his conversation over the phone. Palmer retorted that it didn't worry him since "that's all over".

[redacted] also elicited that Judith Coplon was to go to Palmer's office this morning for a conference.

## ADDENDUM:

Regarding the New York Post article mentioned by SA Kennedy, he stated that this article appeared in the week-end edition of the New York Post dated May 1, 1949, although the edition appeared on April 30, 1949. Clipping is attached.

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# Gap in Coplon Prosecution May Help Show 'Entrapment'

By JAMES A. WECHSLER

Post Home News Correspondent

Washington, April 30—An apparent gap in the prosecution's story of how a fake FBI memorandum was "planted" on Judith Coplon may be exploded soon after the espionage trial of the 27-year-old Justice Dept. employee

is resumed Monday.

Defense Counsel Archibald Palmer is expected to challenge the government to reconcile seemingly conflicting statements by U. S. Prosecutor Raymond Whearty and William E. Foley, Miss Coplon's chief in the Justice agency.

These successive developments

created the puzzle:

1. In his opening statement Whearty said an FBI report marked "top secret" and initialed by FBI Director Hoover was deliberately placed in Miss Coplon's hands on March 4—the day on which she was arrested with Valentine Gubitchev, a Russian U. N. employee. Whearty said part of the memo contained purposefully false material.

2. According to an FBI affidavit submitted during argument on a preliminary motion, a handwritten summary of this report was found in Miss Coplon's handbag when she was seized.

3. When Foley testified yesterday he revealed that he received the "planted" document from Asst. Atty. Gen. Payton Ford and passed it on to Miss Coplon. Whearty then moved to introduce the papers as evidence in the trial. Palmer immediately started to question Foley about "entrapment." This line of questioning was sustained by Federal Judge Reeves. Whearty then abruptly withdrew the exhibit and said he would present it later.

4. Under cross-examination, Foley said Ford never told him the document was faked and never instructed him to let Miss Coplon see it. He also disclosed that he had been informed nearly two months earlier that she was under suspicion and—as a result of that warning—had denied her access to secret FBI reports. But he acknowledged that he made the new document immediately available to her and told her it was "hot."

This sequence presented an

outwardly baffling story.

Although the false report was assertedly designed to trap Miss Coplon, Ford neglected to tell Foley to put it in her hands, according to Foley's testimony.

Although Foley says he was unaware the report was bait, he promptly showed it to Miss Coplon despite his admitted knowledge that she was under investigation.

Although Foley was presumably slated to testify—as he did—that he knew nothing of the background of the report and has never been told its contents were manufactured, Whearty took pains to tell the jury the document was a "plant."

While the questions intrigued courtroom observers, it was still unclear whether the answers would vitally affect the course of the trial. It was clear, however, that Palmer planned to

raise "entrapment" as a major legal issue.

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Dated Sunday May 1, 1949

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/13/49

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was.  
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There is enclosed for the information of the Bureau an editorial from the May 5, 1949, issue of the "Journal - Every Evening" of Wilmington, Delaware, captioned "Men Followed Her".

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### Men Followed Her

WHEN 27-year-old Judith Coplon was arrested by the FBI on espionage charges in March, the news services called her "plain." They may yet yield to tradition and call her beautiful, but so far the strongest adjective we've seen used is "attractive." Be that as it may, testimony at her trial in Washington reveals that she had a lot of men following her.

Most of them, if not all, were FBI agents. The bureau had 20 agents working on her case after she was suspected of taking secret information encountered in her work for the Department of Justice and passing it on to Valentin A. Gubitchev, Russian employe of the United Nations.

The FBI's testimony so far has been peculiar. Most of it is simply a routine report of shadowing activities, with no explanation of what it is intended to prove. It does show that she met Gubitchev, but Miss Coplon has admitted she often met him "socially," and her attorney has hinted that he intended to divorce his wife and marry her. She has also admitted taking copies

of documents, which she says she intended to use only as source material for a novel about a government girl.

What the FBI's shadowing testimony seems aimed to prove is that her "social" meetings with Gubitchev involved elaborate melodramatic precautions. One agent took out a map of the Washington Heights area of Manhattan and traced a course in which Miss Coplon walked to a corner, turned left, turned left at another corner, retraced her steps, turned left again, turned right, turned right again, entered a drugstore, turned a few more times, and finally met Gubitchev in front of a cigar store. They had lunch together, and took the subway; Gubitchev suddenly dashed out to a local train, but his FBI shadow followed suit.

Quite a life for a "plain" girl.

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*Wilmington, Delaware*

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# Judith's Trial Is Amusing to Judith

## It's a Panic, & Lawyer's a Riot

By ANDREW TULLY Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

The charge is espionage, which is not a charge brought lightly, but Judith Coplon is an incredibly flippant young lady as she sits there in U. S. District Court.

To Judith Coplon, who only a few months ago was a nameless clerk in a big Justice Department building, her trial is "a panic," her lawyer "a riot."

Because she is 27, the activities in the big, modernistic court room interest her, but she is working hard at not taking it seriously. The way she looks at it, "A good time was had by all—we ought to charge admission." To Judith, somebody is gagging.

### CLIENT-SECRETARY

Gag or not, however, Judith keeps busy at her seat beside her lawyer, the ebullient Archibald Palmer, whose LaGuardia features and big, black lumpy hat are breeding all sorts of new court room legends. She acts as a kind of secretary, helping her lawyer to arrange his papers and taking copious notes, and before court convenes each day she sees to it that Mr. Palmer's pencils are sharp, and helps him carry his law books.

Gag or not, Judith Coplon obviously is determined to take an active part in her defense.

The scenario is the conventional one. As Raymond Whearty, the prosecutor, presents his case in his soft, measured tones, Judith Coplon sits there half-smiling. Sometimes she has difficulty smothering little yawns. When Mr. Whearty speaks of atomic energy secrets, her mouth works patronizingly.

### LAWYER STEALS SHOW

Even so, Judith Coplon, who is alleged to have worked with a Russian named Valentin Gubitchev to get secret Government information, is not the main attraction. That role goes to her lawyer, the picturesque Mr. Palmer, who is not unfamiliar with either corn or ham.

Mr. Palmer is both bumbling and dramatic, both gauche and cunning. To him the case does not open, "The curtain goes up." "We stand here clothed with innocence," he orates.

Mr. Palmer, at this early date, apparently is not concerned with details. He covers his ground broadly and he is a good man with a proverb. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again," says Mr. Palmer. "Love," bellows Mr. Palmer defiantly, "knows no bounds."

Generally he marches along blithely, chewing on his words and leaving his sentences dangling, but everybody hears him when he describes how "Those G-men" were "chasing this little girl."

### CLITCHES FRESHENED

Also there is nothing hidebound about Mr. Palmer. He gives words new and startling uses and is a fine hand with the archaic. Thus Gubitchev is revealed as a "personal" rather than a "personable" person. He gives the jury its choice of pronounciators for the word "cryst." Miss Coplon, he says, was "hectored" by the FBI. Here, he says, is the "illogic" part of it.

Then, grandly, Mr. Palmer leaves the fate of his client in the hands of the jury: "Ladies and gentlemen, I give you Judith Coplon . . ."

Judith Coplon, who used to be an honor student, smiles prettily. Assuredly, this trial is "a panic." "Riot" is the word for Archibald Palmer.

The only one who doesn't seem to appreciate the gag is a slender little woman in black, sitting behind the defendant.

Her name is Mrs. Rebecca Coplon and she seems to have been crying. She is Judith Coplon's mother.

### Judith's Ex-Boss to Testify Today

Scheduled to testify today is William E. Foley, head of the Justice Department's Foreign Agents Registration Section, and Judith's former

boss. He has been called to tell how the FBI planted with Miss Coplon a secret report on Russian attempts to get U. S. atomic information.

This report, Chief Prosecutor Raymond P. Whearty expalined to the jury, contained "deliberately innacurate" information, naming an Amtorg official as an FBI informer. The Government claims it later found a handwritten memo on this report in Miss Coplon's purse when she was arrested.

Mr. Tol \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd *DL*  
 FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, with aliases  
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DATE: March 1, 1949

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Mr. Tolson

Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Glavin

Mr. Ladd

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Rosen

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It is felt that this memorandum should be delivered personally to Mr. Ford by Mr. Fletcher and that he be advised that it is false information and that Mr. Foley the head of the Foreign Agents Registration Section also be advised that this information contained in the memorandum is false. Thereafter the memorandum should be delivered to Judith Coplon. It is also felt that the Department should advise us when the information comes into Coplon's possession in order that we may be alert to determine if she passes the information.

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The New York and Washington Field Offices are also being furnished a copy of the memorandum containing the false information and are being instructed to attempt to determine if the information is passed by Coplon to her principals and if possible what action is taken by the Soviets as a result of the information.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

There is attached a memorandum to Mr. Ford in line with the above and a memorandum to the New York and Washington Field Offices. As in the past, if approved, Mr. Fletcher will personally deliver the memorandum to Mr. Ford.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. REWFOTEL THREE FIFTEEN LAST REQUESTING NY OFFICE TO INTERVIEW CAROL KINGSLEY OF DAILY NEWS. ON MARCH SIXTH, A WOMAN TALKED WITH A MAN AT COPLON HOUSEHOLD IDENTIFYING HERSELF AS GLORIA KINGSLEY, PHONETIC, A FRIEND OF JUDY-S FROM BARNARD COLLEGE, ADDING THAT WHILE AT BARNARD, SHE WORKED ON ONE PUBLICATION AND JUDY WORKED ON ANOTHER. KINGSLEY SAID SHE IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY NY DAILY NEWS, AND SHE WANTED TO GET AN INTERVIEW WITH JUDY TO PRESENT A SYMPATHETIC SCHOOLMATE STORY. THE MAN STATED HE WAS A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY AND COULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF AND TOLD KINGSLEY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE HOUSEHOLD THE FOLLOWING DAY. KINGSLEY STATED SHE LIVED AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE PRISON AND WONDERED IF THE FAMILY OR ATTORNEY WOULD ~~SEE~~ SHE TRIED TO SEE JUDY AT THE PRISON. SHE SAID SHE WOULD ~~SEE~~ THEN WITH THE HOUSEHOLD LATER, BUT STATED SHE MIGHT COME OVER TO SEE THE PARENTS THE FOLLOWING DAY. NO SUBSEQUENT INFO THAT SHE GOT IN TOUCH WITH COPLON FAMILY. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE NY WHETHER IT DESIRES KINGSLEY INTERVIEWED IN VIEW OF HER POSITION WITH NEWSPAPER.

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Mr. Wilfred H. Erwin  
Attorney at Law  
Howell, Michigan

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Dear Mr. Erwin:

I received your letter of March 9, 1949, and deeply appreciate your advising me of your suggestions on the matter you mentioned. It is always a particular pleasure to receive word from our former Special Agents. Your continued interest in the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is very gratifying.

It occurred to me that the enclosed material might be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

RJL:cmw

(Enclosures: "How to Fight Communism, By J. Edgar Hoover";  
"Statement of J. Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI, before  
HCUA, HR, 3:45 p.m., 3-26-47, Washington, D. C.")

(Erwin's suggestion that Judith Coplon might be identical with the unknown woman who met Ruth Wilson on 9-16-43 is highly unlikely. Judith Coplon was not recruited into Soviet Intelligence operations until the fall of 1944). This matter is, however, to be checked out further, and the New York Office will be advised of Erwin's suggestion.

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PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY

March 9, 1949

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

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"I am a former Special Agent having left the Bureau in November of 1945. While assigned to the New York Field Office the ALTO case, New York file 100-31551, was assigned to me.

"I have been reading the newspapers for the past two or three days concerning the arrest of Judith Coplon at New York City by Special Agents. I recall that on September 16, 1943 a secret writing communication was transferred by a suspect to an unknown woman on Amsterdam Avenue in New York City which unknown woman succeeded in eluding the surveillance and later disappeared in the subway beneath the Pennsylvania Railroad Station. As I recall this unknown woman was observed by Special Agent Chester Airhart and another agent whom I believe was Robert McCaslin. I recall that a great amount of investigation was conducted in an unsuccessful attempt to identify this unknown woman.

"I do not distinctly recall the exact physical description of the unknown woman. However, it appears to me that there is a possibility that she is identical with Judith Coplon. I believe that Judith Coplon has approximately the same physical description with a possible discrepancy in the age.

"I would like to suggest that the New York Field Office compare the physical descriptions of these two women in the event the Bureau is still desirous of identifying the unknown woman involved in the ALTO case."

Yours truly,

Wilfred H. Erwin  
Wilfred H. Erwin  
Prosecuting Attorney

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The Assistant to the Attorney General

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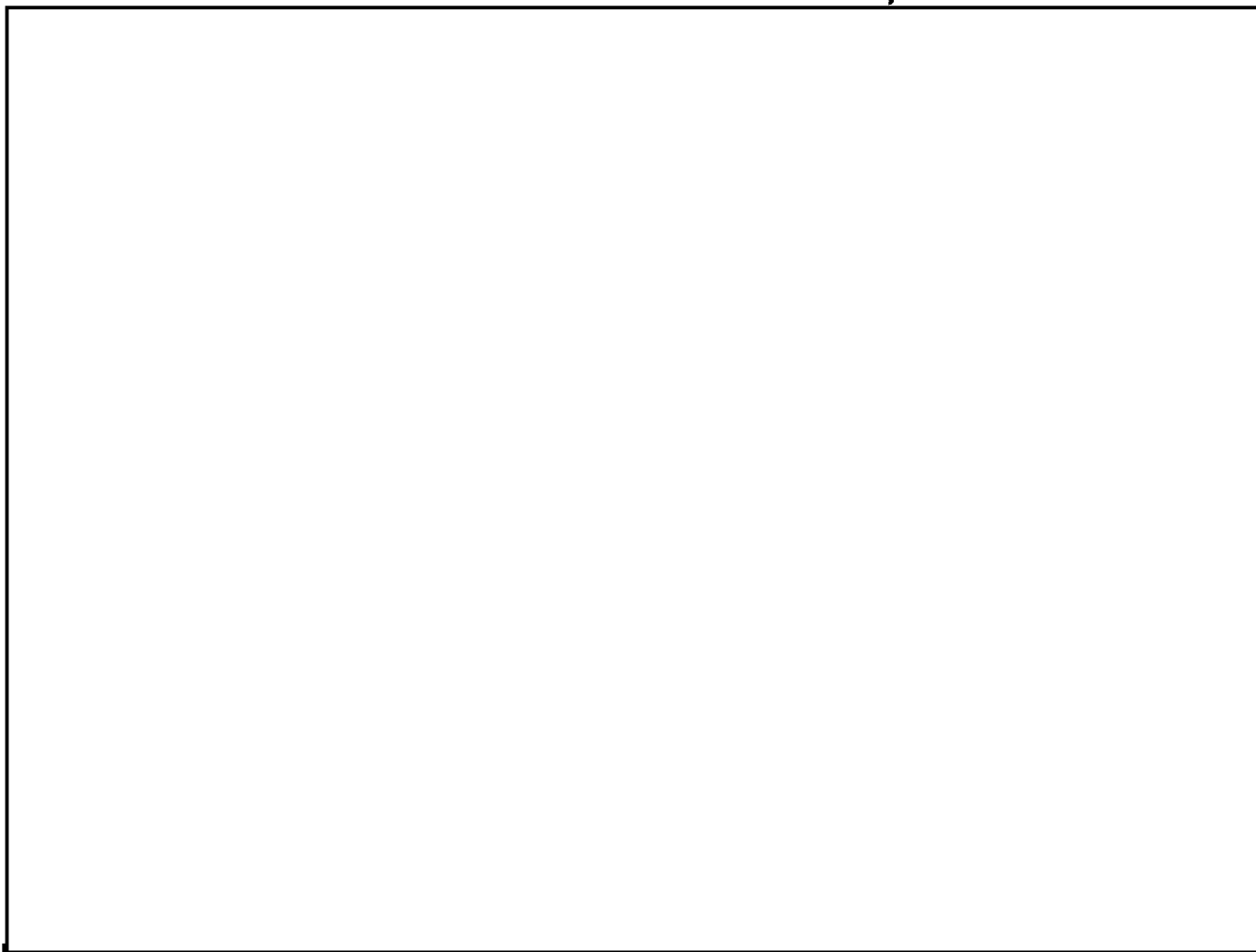
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER ✓ *FB*

DATE: April 1, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON

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Mr. Lamar Caudle of the Department called this morning and stated that he had received a telephone call yesterday from Bertha Scarborough, who has been Secretary to Congressman Frank Boykin but who is leaving in the next few days for Europe.

She stated that there was a high administrative official in ECA who uses the name of Wallace although this is not his correct name; that two girl friends of hers had advised her that Wallace was a very close friend of Judith Coplon and was frequently out with her. These girls further stated that they were convinced that Wallace was a Communist. *K. J. [Signature]*

Mr. Caudle suggested that a check should be made to see if there was an official over at ECA named Wallace and if so it may be necessary to conduct an investigation. I would suggest that an effort be made to locate Bertha Scarborough before she leaves for Europe.

DML:dad

ADDENDUM: (4/1/49, DML:edm)

Mr. Caudle's office called and advised that he has now ascertained that Miss Bertha Scarborough left yesterday for London and that before she left, she had placed in the mails some material for Mr. Caudle. Mr. Caudle advised that when he receives this material, he will get in touch with the Bureau.

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TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : Att: Mr. H. B. Fletcher  
 SAC, New York  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, ET AL  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 19, 1949

Enclosed herewith are eight photographs taken on April 15, 1949. The views depicted are explained on the rear of each photograph and the directions are indicated. The negatives for each of these eight photographs are attached.

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Also enclosed are two additional negatives which were not developed. One is a view of 108th Street which shows the entrance to 64 West 108th Street, the former residence of GUBITCHEV. The other negative was taken on the train level of the 181st Street station of the Independent Subway, some 75 to 100 feet north of the stairway shown in photograph #1.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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*8 photo to Kellogg office  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

DATE: May 19, 1949

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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*[Signature]*

At about 3:45 P.M. today in the Municipal Court, Archibald Palmer was cross-examining SA Thomas Zoeller. At one point during the cross-examination, Palmer attributed a certain statement of facts as having been said by Zoeller, which facts had not been testified to by Zoeller. Judge Reeves told Palmer that the witness had not made such statements, that Mr. Palmer should desist from twisting the facts around, and that he, the Judge, had specifically heard the witness make statements which were directly contrary to those made by Mr. Palmer. He further told Palmer that the latter should "stop this nonsense." Palmer stated that he did not like the use of the word "nonsense," whereupon Judge Reeves informed Palmer that he was being fined \$100 and that execution should be stayed until the completion of the trial. Palmer said that he could pay the fine now if the Judge so desired but the Judge stated that it should wait until the end of the trial.

Palmer then asked for a mistrial, which was denied.

Between 3:00 and 4:00 P.M. on instant date the original notes made by SA Zoeller on the surveillance of March 4, 1949, were introduced into evidence and Palmer used them in cross-examining Zoeller.

Palmer between 3:00 and 4:00 P.M. on the instant date demanded the introduction into evidence of the Gubitchev interview log and notes made in connection therewith. The Judge announced that he had the log and Agent Wirth's notes which he was going to review on the instant evening to determine whether they are relevant to the instant trial in view of the fact that Gubitchev is not a defendant in this case.

Mr. Kelley stated that in his opinion the Judge would not allow the Gubitchev log or notes to be introduced into evidence.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *Oh*

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 5-19-49

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Egan ✓  
Mr. Gurnea ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
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Miss Holmes ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

*L. J. [unclear]*

At the afternoon session of the trial in instant case between 2:00 and 3:10 P.M., Government Prosecutors Kelley and Whearty appeared together with Palmer at conference before the Bench. At that time the Government presented a Memorandum of Law objecting to the furnishing of notes of Agents, pointing out that they can only be demanded when these notes are utilized on the stand to refresh the recollection of the witness. Judge Reeves advised that he was inclined to agree with the Government's Memorandum of Law. However, Palmer cited a case in point to support his stand and Judge Reeves instructed that where notes are available to witnesses testifying, that these notes are first to be examined by him, Judge Reeves, and if they should be admitted according to his, Judge Reeves', opinion, he will admit same.

Judge Reeves pointed out to Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley that he was taking this stand as a precaution to prevent reversible error.

Messrs. Whearty and Kelley likewise discussed with the Judge the inadvisability of allowing Palmer to question any Agents concerning counterespionage activities such as questions similar to those put to SA R. J. Wirth yesterday and the Judge said that he will sustain an objection to any similar questions from hereon out.

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January 28, 1949  
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Director, FBI

Re: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

There are being enclosed copies of the report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., dated January 28, 1949 in connection with the captioned matter.

Attention is called to that section of the report dealing with contacts and associates of JUDITH COPLON, and in particular, the information set out pertaining to ROBERT MARTIN WOHLFORTH, who is currently employed in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, New York City. It will be noted that WOHLFORTH was the individual who recommended COPLON for her position with the Department in 1943.

An investigation was made of WOHLFORTH in the case entitled "ROBERT MARTIN WOHLFORTH, aka WOHLFURTH; Antitrust Division, U. S. Department of Justice, New York, New York; LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES". In the reports in that case, it is noted that several individuals referred to WOHLFORTH as a person who associated with alleged Communists.

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It is felt that WOHLFORTH might possibly be a very important contact of COPLON from the Bureau's point of view, because of the following circumstances:

WOHLFORTH is acquainted with ALFRED K. and MARTHA DODD STERN, subjects of a Soviet espionage case, and connected with the MOCASE group.

VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, the Soviet agent who apparently handles COPLON, is a patient of Dr. ROBERT SOBLE, another subject in the MOCASE group. ROBERT SOBLE is a brother and close confidant of JACK SOBLE, a known Soviet agent who succeeded VASSILI ZUBILIN in directing the activities of BORIS MORROS and ALFRED K. STERN in the formation of a Soviet cover company in the United States. In addition, JACK SOBLE has stated that his brother, ROBERT SOBLE, was connected with Soviet intelligence for a number of years but has of late decreased his activity in that field.

It can be seen that there is, at least, a thread of connection between COPLON and the MOCASE group, and also, there is a slight possibility that WOHLFORTH was used, whether knowingly or not, to assist in getting COPLON a position with the Department in 1943.

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*He did  
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her* [redacted] It will be interesting to note whether WOHLFORTH also recommended [redacted] for a position in connection with her application for the same type of position in the Department as COPLON shortly after the latter was given Federal employment.

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Although the New York Office was the office of origin in the WOHLFORTH investigation, it is possible that the Bureau file contains information which is not in the possession of this office. It is, therefore, requested that the Bureau review its file on WOHLFORTH and furnish this office with any pertinent information relative to WOHLFORTH. Upon receipt of such information, a complete analysis of it will be made together with that in the New York file and the pertinent information reported in the next report in the captioned matter.

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The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that leads have not been set out for an active investigation of all the contacts of COPLON, in the absence of suspicious circumstances surrounding their relationship, such as those relating to COPLON'S contacts with GUBITCHEV and [redacted]. It is being pointed out, however, that a number of COPLON'S contacts are in the government service, some of whom possibly are in a position to furnish her with information of interest to the Soviets. [redacted]

The suggestion is, therefore, offered that possibly it will be desirable to conduct a limited amount of investigation on every contact, for the purpose of ascertaining the contact's employment, as well as the employment of the contact's spouse, to determine whether COPLON would thereby possibly have access to information in which the Soviets would be interested.

It is requested that the Washington Field Office submit its opinion in this matter to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Surveillance in New York City of COPLON 1/14/49 revealed she contacted VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, a USSR United Nations employee, circumstances definitely denoting a conspiratorial meeting. COPLON surveilled New York City 1/19-23/49. Suspicious contact with [redacted] 1/20/49. Personal possessions of COPLON as of 1/19/49 set out, including address book and diary.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter 12/31/48.

No Dissemination - [redacted]

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DETAILS:

PREDICATION

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This investigation was predicated upon information in Bureau letter dated December 31, 1948, wherein it was stated that [redacted]

[redacted]

The Department's file reflected that JUDITH COPLON was recommended by ROBERT WOHLFORTH of the Economic Warfare Section, War Division, Department of Justice, New York Office, on May 29, 1943, for the position of Translator-Research Assistant. She entered on duty June 15, 1943, and served in the Economic Warfare Section. On December 19, 1944, there appeared a recommendation for her transfer to the position of Political Analyst in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department, Washington, D.C., with a potential assignment to matters dealing with the British Empire. The transfer was ordered on December 20, 1944, and was to be effective January 16, 1945. The transfer was actually effective on February 16, 1945.

It was ascertained from the Department that JUDITH COPLON is the only employee of the Economic Warfare Section to ever be transferred to the Foreign Agents Registration Section.

By letter dated January 4, 1949, the Bureau furnished the New York office with information obtained from Confidential Informant T-1. This information is being set out hereinafter.

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BACKGROUND OF JUDITH COPLON

The files of the Recorder's Office, James Madison High School, Bedford Avenue and Clinton Road, Brooklyn, New York, as of July, 1943, disclosed that JUDITH COPLON was born on May 17, 1921, at Brooklyn, New York. She attended James Madison High School from September, 1935, to June, 1939.

The records of the Registrar's Office, Barnard College, 116th Street and Broadway, New York City, disclosed that COPLON attended Barnard College from September, 1939, to June, 1943, and received an AB degree. She majored in history. The files also reflected that she was on the staff of the college paper, the "Barnard Bulletin".

The same files showed that her father was SAMUEL M. COPLON, born in Troy, New York, and her mother, REBECCA COPLON, was born in Albany, New York.

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The Bureau advised by letter dated January 4, 1949, that JUDITH COPLON'S aunt, Mrs. ETHEL COPLON SANDERS, 601 25th Street, Arlington, Virginia, is employed at the General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C. JUDITH COPLON presently resides in Apartment 108, 2364 Tunlaw Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. Her parents, SAMUEL and REBECCA COPLON, were residents of 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, as of 1946. She has a brother, BERTRAM COPLON, who in 1946 was operating the SAMUEL M. COPLON AND SON COMPANY at 1133 Broadway, New York City. Presumably the address of JUDITH COPLON in Washington given above was as of 1946.

By teletype on July 23, 1943, the Bureau gave the following places of employment of JUDITH COPLON:

Aviation Trades Center, Brooklyn, New York, February and March, 1943;  
National Youth Administration - Mr. A. ANGELL, Music Library, Columbia University, Library Aid, September, 1940, to June, 1941;  
National Youth Administration - Professor M. BIEBER, Fine Arts Department, Columbia University, Clerical-Typist-Research, September, 1941, to June, 1942;  
Psychological Corporation, 522 5th Avenue, New York City, Head Statistician, Coder, July and August, 1942.

Her references were given as ARTHUR FREEMAN, 84-15 Lefferts Avenue, Kew Gardens, New York, 500 5th Avenue, New York City; Miss HENRIETTA THEA, 1050 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 47 West 34th Street, New York City; Miss GINA TENNEY, Barnard College; Dr. JULIUS HELD, Barnard College.

The above information was supplied by COPLON in connection with her application for the position of Expert in the War Division of the Department of Justice.

By teletype dated April 26, 1946, the Bureau advised that COPLON had been appointed Expert, Antitrust Division, U. S. Department of Justice, New York City, on June 15, 1943, and that she at that time (April 26, 1946) was employed as a Political Analyst, Foreign Agents Registration Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

In May of 1946, the records of the Antitrust Division of the U. S. Department of Justice, New York City, reflected that JUDITH COPLON had been employed as an Expert by the Economic Warfare Unit of that division of the Department in New York City from July 1, 1943, to January 16, 1945.

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Miss JEAN WALICKI, of the Antitrust Division, U. S. Department of Justice, New York City, advised in May of 1946 that while Miss COPLON'S services had been satisfactory, she, Miss WALICKI, believed Miss COPLON to have "left-wing views and sympathies" but Miss WALICKI was unable to be more specific in this regard.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised in May of 1946 that he had known Miss COPLON fairly intimately from about 1943 to 1945. He stated he had observed her activities quite closely and was in a position to know her views. He advised that Miss COPLON was definitely a Russian sympathizer and that he had observed from the time he first knew her that her convictions, particularly along economic and political lines, followed the Russian line. He said that Miss COPLON was outspokenly a supporter of the second front during the past war and in other matters followed the Communist line. He said that in her economic views JUDITH COPLON was far to the left, although so far as he knew she was not a Communist and also, to the best of his knowledge, did not belong to any political organizations.

Confidential Informant T-3 on August 24, 1944, advised that he had observed among the files of the German-American Anti-Nazi Students Committee a list of individuals entitled, "Contacts Established at Washington Conference". Among the individuals listed was JUDITH COPLON, whose address was given as Students Mail, Barnard College, New York City. T-3 was unable to describe the purpose of the Washington Conference other than that he believed that the GAANSC had sent a number of delegates to the conference of the International Students Service of the International Student Assembly held at Washington, D.C., in 1942.

Confidential Informant T-3 further advised that the GAANSC was organized in New York City on or about June 4, 1942. Its purpose was listed by the organization as being to win the war against Fascism, to fight Fascism, to extend the four freedoms, and to expose and fight discrimination against students and teachers of enemy nationalities. It should be pointed out that Confidential Informant T-3 also exhibited a list of the members of this organization but the name of JUDITH COPLON was not on that list.

Confidential Informants T-3 and T-4 advised that the GAANSC was organized by the German-American Emergency Conference, a reported Communist front organization.



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The "Daily Worker" of August 13, 1942, carried an article captioned, "Let's Go, Youth Organizations Say". This article was on page five and reflected that the leaders of forty New York and National Youth Organizations have signed a letter to the President calling upon him to fulfill his promise of a second front and urging full citizenship for the negro and post-war corporation of the United Nations. According to this article, one of the signers of the letter in question was JUDY COPLIN, Editor, "Barnard Bulletin" (paper of Barnard College, New York City).

Attention is called to the fact that JUDITH COPLON graduated from Barnard College in June of 1943.

By letter dated January 4, 1949, the Bureau advised that the Albany office had ascertained in 1943 that JUDITH COPLON, during the time she attended Barnard College in New York City, was on the Editorial Board of the school publication, the "Barnard Bulletin". Miss COPLON is said to have written several articles for this publication, and that one of her articles; wherein she criticized the college for being too conservative, caused some comment among the faculty of the college.

It was ascertained from the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D.C., DuPont Branch, that in July, 1944, one of the cancelled checks charged to the account of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission was made out to J. COPLAN. It is not known whether the payee of this check could be identical with JUDITH COPLON.

#### PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE OF JUDITH COPLON

By letter dated January 14, 1949, the Washington Field Division furnished the New York office with a photograph of JUDITH COPLON.

On January 14, 1949, the Washington Field Division telephonically advised this office that JUDITH COPLON was enroute to New York City and that it was being requested that the New York office place her on physical surveillance upon her arrival. She was under surveillance on the train by Agents of the Washington Field Division.

On January 14, 1949, the following Special Agents of the New York office were at Pennsylvania Station to take up the surveillance of COPLON upon her arrival:

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DANIEL F. GARDE  
RICHARD E. BRENNAN  
RICHARD T. HRADSKÝ  
JOHN F. MALLEY  
ROGER W. ROBINSON  
T. SCOTT MILLER, JR.

At 4:50 P.M., Train No. 176 of the Pennsylvania Railroad arrived at Pennsylvania Station, New York City. JUDITH COPLON was observed to get off Coach No. 3911 of that train at which time the surveillance was taken over from the Washington Field Agents. COPLON was observed to be carrying a medium-size, light tan overnight bag of the fiber, airplane type variety. She proceeded immediately to the ladies rest room on the main level of Penn Station, arriving there at 4:57 P.M. She left at 5:40 P.M. among a crowd of people and it was observed that she was not carrying her overnight bag. It should be pointed out, however, that there were some steel lockers for checking purposes immediately to the right of the exit of the ladies room, and it was possible that she could have put the bag in one of the lockers between the time she left the ladies room and the time that the Agents could tell whether she was still carrying her bag.

She went to the lower level of Pennsylvania Station and entered the Double Day Book Shop where she was observed looking at various books. At 5:50 P.M. she left the book shop and entered the station drug store directly across the arcade from the book shop. She waited for a few moments for a seat at the lunch counter, then ordered something at the counter and was observed reading the New York "Star" newspaper which she had purchased at a news stand on her way to the lower level of the station.

At 6:02 P.M., COPLON left the drug store and entered the IRT Subway and then boarded a northbound, 7th Avenue-Broadway express.

At 6:40 P.M. she left the train at the 191st Street stop in Manhattan and took the elevator to the street level.

COPLON then walked north on St. Nicholas Avenue to Wadsworth Avenue, turned left and followed Wadsworth Avenue around in a curve to the intersection of 192nd Street, and then east on 192nd Street.

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back to St. Nicholas Avenue, thereby circling the irregular-shaped block between these two streets. She then walked south on St. Nicholas Avenue to West 188th Street where she crossed the avenue and entered the drug store on the northeast corner of that intersection. After apparently only making a purchase or a quick telephone call, she left the store, walked west on 188th Street to Wadsworth Terrace, turned right and walked north to Fairview Avenue. She then turned left (west) and walked down the dimly lighted, winding hill on Fairview Avenue to Broadway. She then turned north on Broadway and proceeded one block to 193rd Road, stopping on the northeast corner of this intersection.

It should be pointed out that most of the above route was through a very dimly lighted residential section of upper Manhattan and was almost totally deserted. It is not the type of neighborhood which an unescorted woman would usually walk around in this fashion.

COPLON waited approximately ten minutes at the intersection of 193rd Road and Broadway in a dark corner, whereupon an unidentified man, described hereinafter, came up from the south on Broadway and after a brief greeting they walked together in a northerly direction along Broadway. They turned on Nagle Avenue and walked to Dyckman Street and then left, or west, on Dyckman Street. COPLON and the unidentified man entered the Deluxe Restaurant, an Italian food restaurant, at 143 Dyckman Street at 7:25 P.M.

It should be pointed out that COPLON met this man at 7:12 P.M. and during the thirteen minutes it took them to walk to the restaurant, the surveilling Agents alternated going one block ahead of the surveillance and walking back in a direction opposite the one in which COPLON and the man were traveling, so that the unidentified man could be observed for identification purposes.

At 7:45 P.M., the reporting Agent entered the restaurant and took a seat at a booth in the opposite end of the restaurant where the subject and the man were sitting, but in a position facing the man so that a better description of him could be obtained. It was noted that the two were talking during the entire time they were under observation in the restaurant and during this time nothing was observed to pass between them.

At 8:15 P.M., the two left the restaurant, the man having paid the check. They walked west on Dyckman Street to Sherman Avenue,

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left on Sherman Avenue to Broadway, and then south on Broadway. During this walk, COPLON was engaged in animated conversation with the man stopping several times to gesticulate vigorously and on several occasions appeared to be emphasizing her point by waving a folded newspaper in the direction of the unidentified man. After crossing to the west side of Broadway, they walked along the park edge to the south end of Fort Tryon Park on Broadway where they stood on a corner for several minutes. The two of them walked up to and entered the tunneled entrance to the 191st Street stop of the Independent Subway System.

They boarded a downtown express train and sat together conversing until the train reached the 125th Street stop. Just before the doors closed, the man hurriedly left COPLON on the A train, crossed the platform and boarded a downtown local train, at which point the surveillance of COPLON was discontinued. The man rode to 116th Street where he got off the subway, went up to the street level, which is in the Harlem section of New York, and engaged a taxi between 115th and 114th Streets. The taxi turned west on 114th Street and proceeded to 116th Street and Broadway where the man got out of the cab and entered a Broadway-7th Avenue IRT Subway station. The surveilling agents entered the subway station and observed a southbound train leaving the platform and no one remained on that platform. The man was not observed among the people waiting on the northbound platform for the next train.

The following is a physical description of the man observed on the above date:

Race	White
Age	In 30s
Height	Approximately 5' 5"
Weight	140-150
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Thin, light brown, receding hair line at temples, parted on left side with part curving around at the rear of the head, hair on left side combed straight down from the part, hair on other side of part combed across head from left to right in front and then to the rear along right side.

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Facial Features	Slavic appearance, regular features, very slightly concave nose
Build	Medium
Posture	Erect
Clothing	Brown, narrow-brimmed, snap-brimmed hat with black band; midnight blue overcoat; single-breasted, blue suit; white shirt; reddish brown, woolen scarf with white thread lines separating large, brown blocks; small, black shoes
General appearance	Neat and well dressed

Because of the manner in which COPLON kept this rendezvous with the man, a partial map of Manhattan showing the vicinity in which the meeting was made is being included with this report which sets out the route taken by COPLON. On the map the blue line indicates the route COPLON took while alone after arriving at the 191st Street stop of the subway. The red line indicates the route the two took to the Italian restaurant and then to the subway station. By an examination of this, it can be seen the unusual route taken by COPLON, especially in view of the fact that most of the route was through a dark and deserted section of the neighborhood.

Because of the manner in which COPLON acted, it was deemed advisable to discontinue the surveillance of her during the remainder of her stay in New York City.

However, on the morning of January 15, 1949, measures were immediately taken to identify the unknown man described above. The writer proceeded immediately to the New York office and examined photographs maintained in this office of Russian nationals presently in the United States attached to the Amtorg Trading Corporation and the United Nations. SAs MALLEY and BRENNAN instituted a surveillance at 680 Park Avenue, which is the headquarters of the USSR delegation to the United Nations. Other Agents were stationed at 210 Madison Avenue, in which building Amtorg Trading Corporation is located.

Shortly after 10:00 A.M., Agents MALLEY and BRENNAN advised that an individual, whom they believed to be the unidentified man of the previous

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evening, was observed to enter 680 Park Avenue. Shortly thereafter, Agents HRADSKY and ROBINSON joined the Agents at 680 Park Avenue.

Shortly thereafter, the writer had picked out two photographs of VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV as being possibly identical with the unknown man.

At 11:35 A.M., the individual answering the description of the unknown man of the previous evening was observed leaving 680 Park Avenue and proceeded to 64 West 108th Street, New York City, where it was subsequently ascertained that he resides.

Additional information concerning GUBITCHEV, a USSR United Nations employee, will be set out subsequently in this report in that section dealing with COPLON'S contacts and associates.

It should be stated that all six Agents, mentioned above, who had been on the surveillance on January 14, 1949, definitely identified the individual surveilled to 64 West 108th Street and the unidentified man of January 14, 1949, as being identical with the individual in the picture captioned VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV.

January 19, 1949

On January 18, 1949, the Bureau telephonically advised this office that JUDITH COPLON contemplated coming to New York on January 19, 1949, and that she should be placed under physical surveillance.

It was stated that COPLON would be accompanied by her

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The following Special Agents participated in the physical surveillance of COPLON on the instant date:

T. SCOTT MILLER, JR.  
ROGER W. ROBINSON  
RICHARD T. HRADSKY

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DANIEL F. GARDE  
RICHARD E. BRENNAN  
JOHN F. MALLEY  
J. HAROLD GLASCOCK  
ROBERT J. WIRTH

In order to cover COPLON'S activities in the ladies room in the event she again went there, SAPPHO MANOS and IRENE MALONEY, female employees of the New York office, accompanied the Agents. This precaution was taken because of the length of time COPLON remained in the ladies room on her last trip, and also due to the fact that there are several ways of leaving the room on two different levels of the station.

At 4:50 P.M. JUDITH COPLON and a man identified as [ ] were observed to leave Pennsylvania Railroad Train No. 176 arriving from Washington, D.C. COPLON and [ ] walked through the station to the anteroom next to the cab stand at the north side of the station where COPLON spent approximately ten minutes in a corner telephone booth referring occasionally to a telephone directory between calls. [ ] during this time, descended to the lower level for several minutes, returned and had a shoeshine next to the telephone booth.

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At 5:25 P.M., COPLON and [ ] proceeded by taxi to the Hotel Taft, 7th Avenue and 50th Street. [ ] carried COPLON'S tan, airplane type, overnight case and a brown leather two-suitcase type bag. While COPLON waited in the lobby [ ] made inquiries at the reservation window and then made a number of phone calls after referring to the hotel section of the Manhattan Classified Directory. COPLON then conferred with a hotel employee at the desk of the Assistant Manager in the lobby.

At 6:20 P.M., COPLON and [ ] left the Taft Hotel with their luggage and proceeded by cab to the Piccadilly Hotel, 227 West 45th Street, New York City. After [ ] had apparently registered at the desk, the two entered a hotel elevator with their luggage.

At 7:00 P.M., COPLON and [ ] left the hotel without luggage and it was noted that COPLON was not carrying her black leather purse trimmed in gold.

At 7:30 P.M., the two entered the Alps Restaurant at 6th Avenue near 58th Street, where they had dinner.

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At 8:30 P.M., the two walked to the Century Theater, 7th Avenue and 58th Street, where the musical "Kiss Me Kate" was currently being played.

At 11:15 P.M. the two left the theater, walked to Columbus Circle and proceeded by subway to Times Square. They had something at the soda fountain at Walgreen's Drug Store at Times Square and then went to the Hotel Astor lobby arriving there at 11:45 P.M. [ ] left the Astor Hotel and was gone for approximately twenty minutes while COPLON waited in the Astor lobby looking over a theater program.

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At 12:05 A.M. (January 20, 1949) [ ] returned to the lobby carrying COPLON'S tan, overnight bag. The two then proceeded by subway and foot to 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, arriving there at 12:57 A.M. (January 20, 1949). At 1:05 A.M. (January 20, 1949), [ ] left 178 Ocean Parkway and returned to the Piccadilly Hotel arriving there at 2:30 A.M.

The current Brooklyn telephone directory lists SAMUEL M. COPLON as residing at 178 Ocean Parkway, Telephone GEdney 8-1048.

During the remainder of COPLON'S stay in New York City, which was through January 23, 1949, the following Special Agents participated in the surveillance of her:

RICHARD E. BRENNAN  
JOHN F. MALLEY  
ROGER W. ROBINSON  
DANIEL F. GARDE  
RICHARD T. HRADSKY  
MARTIN F. CAREY

January 20, 1949

At 1:25 P.M. on the instant date, COPLON left her parents' home at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, and proceeded by foot and subway to Manhattan. She arrived at the 50th Street subway station on the 6th Avenue



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line at 2:04 P.M. and during the afternoon shopped at various department stores in the Midtown Section of Manhattan.

At 5:50 P.M., COPLON left a small gift shop on Madison Avenue and walked to the 42nd Street stop of the Lexington Avenue subway, at which place she boarded a southbound train. She got off the train at the Wall Street station and walked to the north end of the station, stopping to primp in front of mirrors on vending machines. She proceeded up a flight of stairs and walked through the full length of a long deserted office building corridor having street exits at either end, one on Broadway and the other on Trinity Place, the latter running parallel with Broadway. She left the building at the Trinity Place exit, walked back along the full length of the same building to the adjoining street (Rector Street) and then along Rector Street back to Broadway. (The subway station was under Broadway.) She crossed the street and walked in front of the door of 120 Broadway where she waited several minutes and then entered the lobby of the building where she stood about twenty minutes.

It should be pointed out that there is a means of access to 120 Broadway from the subway station which COPLON left.

At 6:40 P.M., COPLON was joined in the lobby of the building by a tall, slender, unidentified woman with a black coat who was carrying a brown, leather brief case. COPLON and the woman walked to Ye Olde Dutch Tavern, 15 John Street, New York City, having stopped momentarily in Loft's Candy Store enroute. They entered the tavern at 6:50 P.M. and remained there until 8:55 P.M. The surveilling Agents were unable to determine whether anything material passed between the two.

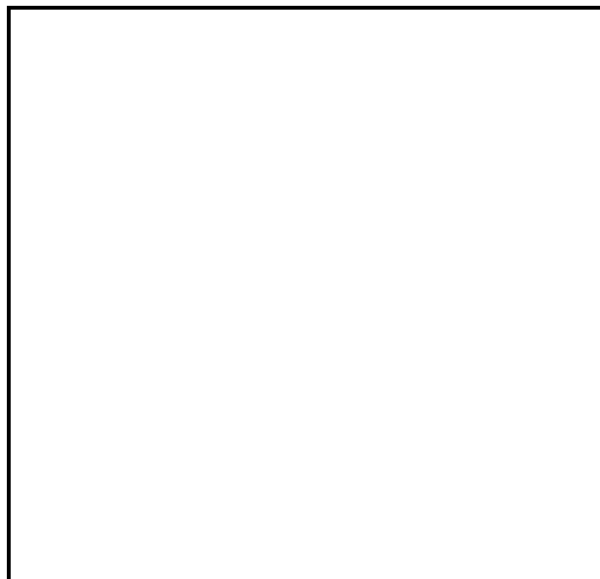
At 8:55 P.M., the two left the tavern, walked north on Broadway to Park Place where they stood on the corner and engaged in conversation for several minutes. After parting, COPLON went immediately to her parents' home in Brooklyn.

The unidentified woman entered the Park Place station of the Broadway-7th Avenue IRT line. She took an uptown express train to 110th Street where she got off and walked to the building located at 404 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, which is an apartment building. This woman was described by the surveilling Agents as follows:

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Age  
Race  
Height  
Weight  
Build  
Hair  
Complexion  
Features

Dress



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It is believed that this unidentified woman is   
Information concerning  will be set out in another part of this report  
entitled, "Contacts and Associates".

January 21, 1949

At 11:28 A.M., on the instant date, COPLON left her parents' home in Brooklyn and proceeded by subway to Manhattan where she proceeded to visit numerous department stores in midtown Manhattan. At 4:10 P.M. she left Macy's Department Store and proceeded by subway to her parents' home where she remained for the rest of the day and evening.

January 22, 1949

At 12:15 P.M. on the instant date, COPLON left her parents' home and proceeded to Saks Fifth Avenue store in Manhattan where she met an unidentified woman at the handbag counter. This woman was believed to be

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[ ] but it happened that the Agents on surveillance at that time were not the Agents who had observed [ ] closely on January 20, 1949. The two looked around the store at several counters, then left and proceeded south on 5th Avenue looking in various store windows. They stopped at a book store and looked at some books and then went to Lord and Taylor's Department Store where they began shopping. At 4:07 P.M. COPLON and [ ] met an unidentified woman, described as about thirty years of age, five feet six inches tall, one hundred twenty-five pounds, black hair pulled back into a knot at base of head, medium dark complexion, medium slender build. She wore no hat and a long gray coat. It appeared that [ ] introduced COPLON to this unknown woman. At 4:12 P.M., [ ] and the unidentified woman left Lord and Taylor's and COPLON remained on the first floor near the door. She walked to the jewelry counter just to the left of the exit and made a purchase.

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At 4:20 P.M., an unidentified man (believed to be [ ]) entered Lord and Taylor's and COPLON, who had been watching the door, immediately went to meet him. Very few words passed between them and the unidentified man turned and left the store. He was about 32-35 years of age, five feet eleven inches tall, one hundred and sixty pounds, and had dark hair.

At 4:28 P.M., COPLON left Lord and Taylor's through the 5th Avenue exit, walked about twenty feet to the corner of 5th Avenue, turned west on 39th Street, walked about one hundred feet and entered a green Ford Convertible coupe, New York license 6N436. The unidentified man who had met her in Lord and Taylor's was seated behind the wheel. They drove west on 39th Street to 257 West 39th Street where they parked the car directly in front of the entrance. Both got out and entered this address, which is a loft-type building tenanted by garment manufacturers and textile industries.

The surveilling Agents were unable to ascertain where the two went in the building.

At 4:55 P.M., COPLON and the man left the above address, got into the car and proceeded west to 8th Avenue and then south at a rapid pace on 8th Avenue for several blocks. The car then slowed down considerably and proceeded at a slow pace for several blocks and then began weaving across town going east one block and south a few blocks, which is a manner of getting across town without stopping for lights. The car was being driven south on University Place and made a left turn into East 12th Street, the Communist Party headquarters being located a few doors in from University Place on East 12th

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Street. For security reasons, the surveilling Agents were several blocks behind the car being surveilled and because of the neighborhood, the surveillance car was brought to a halt short of the intersection of University Place and 12th Street. After a few moments lapse, the Agents proceeded rapidly to the corner on foot and it was determined that the Ford had not stopped in that block. By the time the surveillance car could be driven to the next intersection east, [ ] car could not be observed.

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The surveillance was immediately taken up at COPLON'S parents' home, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, but COPLON was not observed to return home as of 3:00 A.M., on January 23, 1949. It is possible, of course, that while a limited search was being made in the area where the car was lost, [ ] could have driven COPLON home and arrived there sometime before the Agents got to 178 Ocean Parkway.

It was ascertained that New York tags 6N436, mentioned above, were registered to [ ] 1431 Harrison Avenue, New York, New York, for a 1942 green Ford convertible.

The Bronx telephone directory, however, lists [ ]  
[ ] New York.

January 23, 1949

At 3:43 P.M., COPLON left her parents' home and made several small purchases in a nearby news stand and drug store and then returned home.

At 5:40 P.M., COPLON left the side entrance of 178 Ocean Parkway accompanied by an unidentified man (believed to be her brother, BERTHAM COPLON), a small boy, and what appeared to be a teen-aged girl. The group entered a green Packard four-door sedan bearing New York tag 8L-5812, which was then driven by the unidentified man to Pennsylvania Station, New York City. COPLON left the car and went in the station where she met [ ] They placed their luggage in two lockers numbered Z-403 and X-404, and entered the main sitting room where COPLON left [ ] and entered the ladies room. She remained there a few moments then joined [ ] COPLON then entered a telephone booth where she unsuccessfully attempted to

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complete a call. The two then walked through the station to the Savarin Bar where they were observed standing at the bar. They remained there about fifteen minutes, then returned to the lockers, got their luggage and boarded train No. 143 for Washington, D.C.

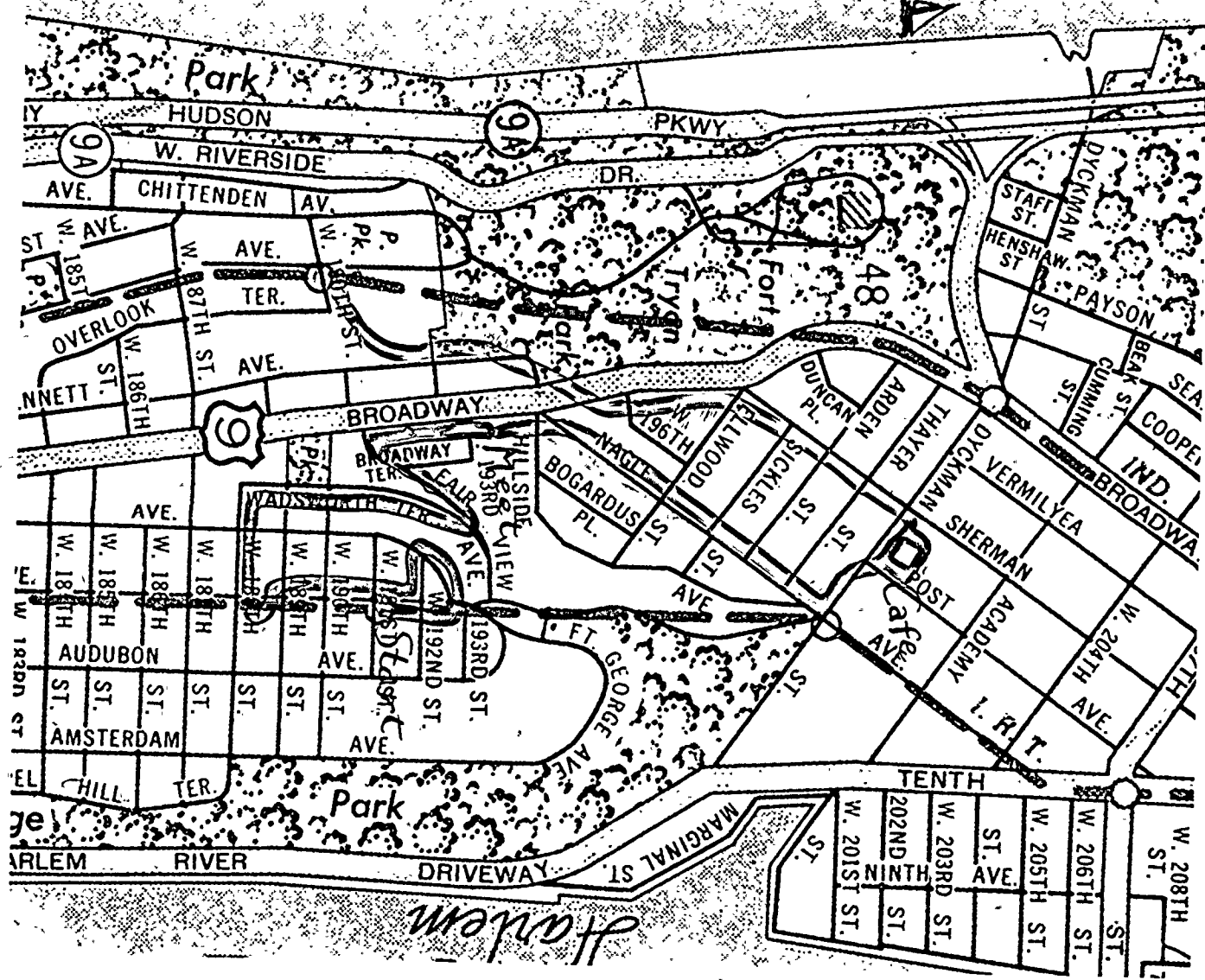
It should be stated that it was noted that [ ] and COPLON, while together, had three pieces of luggage. From the time COPLON left her house until the time she met [ ] she was not observed to have two pieces of luggage. Therefore, the extra piece of luggage is believed to have belonged to [ ]

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The Washington Field office was telephonically advised of COPLON'S departure.

It was ascertained that New York tags 8L-5812, mentioned above, were registered to BERTRAM COPLON, 52 East 89th Street, New York, New York, for a 1948 Packard.

It should be stated that the physical surveillance of COPLON on her two trips to New York was conducted in a highly discreet manner and the surveilling Agents are of the definite opinion that at no time did she apparently become aware of the fact that she was being surveilled. It might also be added that on January 14, 1949, during the time she was walking from 191st Street subway station to her point of rendezvous with GUBITCHEV, she did not appear to be lost but walked as though she had a definite route she was going to take and not once did she look back or apparently become concerned about the possibility of a surveillance.



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MATERIAL IN JUDITH COPLON'S POSSESSION  
JANUARY 19, 1949

As mentioned above, on January 19, 1949, COPLON went to the Hotel Piccadilly with [ ] where she remained in his room for a short period of time and then went to dinner and to a musical. b6 b7C

Confidential Informant T-5 advised that COPLON had left her black leather purse inside of her overnight case and that the case had been left in [ ] room in the Piccadilly which was Room 508.

T-5 said that everything of interest was in COPLON'S purse and that the following were the items:

A 1949 pocket-size diary with the following entries:

"January 14, 1949 - UP Item for selective misleading - NYG olives (black)."

January 19, 1949 - Taft - 6:30 P.M.

January 20, 1949 - [ ] eve - shopping.

January 21, 1949 - [ ] - eve - call [ ]  
Call [ ]

January 22, 1949 - SID - eve. [ ] 2 or 3.

January 29, 1949 - Dr. BERNSTEIN, 11:45.

February 18, 1949 - Get ticket for show."

Particular attention is called to the entry on January 14, 1949, which was the date COPLON kept her rendezvous with GUBITCHEV. The suggestion is offered that this was merely an entry made by COPLON which doesn't necessarily mean anything, except that this is the date COPLON is scheduled to meet GUBITCHEV.

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The only other entry in the diary which does not definitely mention an individual or a place is the entry for February 18, 1949, "Get ticket for show". Attention is called to the fact that February 18, 1949, is the first Friday after a one-month lapse from the Friday, January 14, 1949, when she met GUBITCHEV. It is believed possible, therefore, that COPLON might meet GUBITCHEV in New York City on February 18.

The entry for January 19 is explainable inasmuch as [ ] and COPLON tried to register in the Taft Hotel on that date.

On January 20, 1949, as explained above, COPLON met [ ] and also shopped considerably during that day.

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The [ ] referred to on January 21, 1949, is believed to be [ ]. The MORT referred to is believed to refer to MORTON POMERANZ, inasmuch as COPLON was in possession of a personal letter from POMERANZ who resides in New York. The [ ] has not been identified as yet but her name appeared in COPLON'S address book.

The SID mentioned is not definitely known, but it is noted that several SIDS are in COPLON'S address book and further she is acquainted with a SYD BRODIE, presumably in Washington.

The Dr. BERNSTEIN, mentioned on January 29, 1949, is possibly the same Dr. BERNSTEIN in Washington, D.C., whose name was noted in COPLON'S address book.

It should be stated that the above entries were the only entries in the entire diary, according to Confidential Informant T-5.

Also observed by T-5 in COPLON'S purse was an address book, the contents of which will be set out in that section of this report entitled, "Contacts and Associates".

Also contained in COPLON'S purse was an envelope with the return address, "MORTON POMERANZ, 1633 51st Street, Brooklyn, New York." The letter was very personal in nature and the signature was illegible. There was added after the signature in a different handwriting and at an angle the following:



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"ECA - are looking for P-25 pretty closed corp - need someone to work for him. Send him over to MILTON QUINT.

CAR/CHERTKOFF."

Because of the manner in which this notation was signed, it is not known whether the CAB were intended as initials or not.

The New York office had no record of POMERANZ, QUINT, or CHERTKOFF.

T-5 also observed a pass book in the name of JUDITH COPLON, which indicated that she opened an account with the City National Bank, Washington, D.C., in 1945. COPLON'S check book was also in her purse which indicated a balance of \$404.00.

COPLON also had a copy of the book "Rabelais" by SAMUEL PUTNAM, published by the Viking Press, New York City, 1946. A copy of the January issue of the "New Yorker" magazine was also in COPLON'S case.

According to Confidential Informant T-5, [redacted] two-suiter contained nothing but clothing.

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It might be stated here that [redacted] had registered for a single room.

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VALENTINE ALEKSSEVICH GUBITCHEV, was.  
VALENTIN A. GUBICHEV, VALENTIN GOUBITCHEV

This individual is probably the most important contact of JUDITH COPLON. The June 1, 1948 United Nations telephone directory lists VALENTINE GUBITCHEV as connected with the Planning Office of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Room 607, Extension 167, of the Manhattan Office of the United Nations at 405 East 42nd Street, New York, New York.

GUBITCHEV arrived in the United States at New York City on July 20, 1946 being described as the Third Secretary of the Secretariat, U.S.S.R., United Nations. His wife was [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] VALENTINE GUBITCHEV was born on June 24, 1916, Nikoloskoye, Orlov Province, U.S.S.R.

The current Manhattan telephone directory lists VALENTINE GUBITCHEV as residing at 158 West 106th Street, telephone Riverside 9-6695. However, from investigation it has been established that GUBITCHEV resides with his wife at 64 West 108th Street, New York, New York, telephone Academy 2-5823. The GUBITCHEV child returned to the U.S.S.R. July 31, 1948 on the SS POBEDA.

Because of the circumstances surrounding the meeting of January 14, 1949, it appears there remains little doubt that COPLON is still acting as an agent for the M.G.B. and further that GUBITCHEV is the M.G.B. Agent who is her contact. As set out above, it is possible that the next scheduled meeting between COPLON and GUBITCHEV will be February 18, 1949.

The only information in the files of the New York Division concerning GUBITCHEV is that in connection with his entry into the United States as a Russian National.

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ROBERT MARTIN WOHLFORTH

This individual recommended JUDITH COPLON for her position as Expert in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, New York City, in 1943.

The directory on the second floor of the United States Court House, Foley Square, New York City, lists R. WOHLFORTH as being attached to the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice in Room 232.

A review of the personnel file of WOHLFORTH maintained at the Department of Justice revealed that on July 21, 1939 WOHLFORTH executed an application for appointment in the Department of Justice stating that he was born February 4, 1904 at Lakewood, New Jersey. He was married and had three children and at that time was residing at 15 2nd Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. He attended the Peddie School, Heightstown, New York, from 1920 to 1922 and graduated; Princeton University from 1922 to 1923; United States Military Academy, West Point, from 1923 to 1927 graduating with a B.S. Degree.

WOHLFORTH listed that he had been a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army and resigned June 27, 1928 and was a member of the Cadets, 18th Infantry, First Division, from June, 1927 to December, 1928. He was employed by the "New York American" newspaper as a Reporter in 1928 and 1929 and was on the staff of the "New York Telegraph" newspaper from 1929 to 1930. He was employed by the GUIDE PRINTING COMPANY, Brooklyn, New York, as Editor-Director, 1930 to 1932 and was employed in publicity and editorial work during 1932 and 1933. He remarked that he had been employed as Consultant for Representative ROSS COLLINS of Mississippi during 1933 and 1934; with the United States Senate Munitions Committee, 1934 to 1936, and with the United States Senate Civil Liberties Committee from 1936 to 1938.

The personnel file indicated that WOHLFORTH entered on duty on October 31, 1939 as an Expert, Economic Welfare Section, Antitrust Division, at New York City at \$5600.00 per annum and was assigned as an Expert to the New York City Office.

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The names of individuals being listed below were contained in COPLON'S address book as of January 19, 1949. The full name is being set out, if immediately available to the New York Office, together with the exact way it appeared in COPLON'S book. All of the names below were checked against the files of this office and where no comment is made below a given name it can be assumed that there was no reference in the New York indices or what references were available were not identifiable with the person in question. In situations where a definite elimination could not be made, information is set out for possible future references.

HANNAH JANNES  
DO 9827

PERRY MAE BARNES  
501 23rd N.W.  
DI 5513

The files of this office indicate that a MAE BARNES, 41-12 Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City, New York, was a signer of the MORRIS U. SCHAPPES Petition. SCHAPPES was a Communist convicted for perjury in New York City.

CLAUDE BEAULIEU  
3679 Laval Avenue  
Montreal

HENRY BECKER  
Alban Towers  
Wise (or possibly Wisc.) Mass.  
(Braver)

It is possible that the name BRAVER in parenthesis refers to MILTON BRAVER mentioned below.

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SARAH BECKER  
705 18th N.W.  
EX 4700  
Ext. 310

Dr. HERMAN BERNSTEIN  
5430 Conn. Avenue  
WO 5045

RUTH BLAUSTEIN  
1408 First Place N.E.  
Apartment 22  
RA 7936

A RUTH BLAUSTEIN of 1 Cabrini Boulevard, New York City, applied for a position of stenographer in the New York Office in 1942. She was born on August 13, 1913, father, SAMUEL born Austria, mother FLORA born England. b7D

Confidential Informant [ ] on December 23, 1947 furnished the 1946 list of members of the International Workers Order Lodge #517. RUTH BLAUSTEIN, no address, was listed as a member.

DAVID BOOKSTAVER  
3363 B South Wakefield  
Farlington, Va.

DAVID RICHARD BOOKSTAVER was a departmental applicant as an Attorney in the Criminal Division. He was born June 23, 1905 Sag Harbor, New York, and was graduated from Pierson High School in June, 1923. He received an A.B. Degree from Cornell University in 1926 and an LL.B Degree from Yale in 1928. He was employed by the law firm of MITCHELL, TAYLOR, CAPRON and MARSH, 20 Exchange Place, New York City.

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On September 21, 1946, Mr. J. D. BOOKSTAVEN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, advised the New York Office that he had been sent to New York from Washington to handle the matter of calling upon the foreign delegates to the American-Slav Congress to register under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended. He subsequently dealt with CHARLES RECHT who claimed he represented the American-Slav Congress. BOOKSTAVEN while in New York City used Room 1104, United States Court House, New York.

Confidential Informant T-6 advised that BOOKSTAVEN also was contacted by CHARLES RECHT about the matter of requiring Russians and Ukrainians to register.

MAURICE BORST  
73 Warrington  
Crescent Haida Vale  
London W9

BEA BRAUDE  
Paris, Dinard  
29 Rue Casette- off Rue de Rennes

This individual is believed identical with BEATRICE BRAUDE, a Research Analyst in the Department of State, Washington, D.C. as of February, 1948.

On November 2, 1946, Confidential Informant T-7 stated that MARY JANE KEENEY conferred with LOIS CARLISLE and told CARLISLE that she had been trying to get in touch with a girl who recently returned from Germany who is in the Department of State in the section known as State Research Intelligence. MARY JANE said that she wanted to contact this girl because the girl had a message for MARY JANE from an "anti-Fascist", in Berlin. CARLISLE remarked that the information desk at the Department of State would soon have the telephone listing of this girl if she had recently returned from overseas.

Subsequently, according to the informant, on November 12, 1946, MARY JANE KEENEY contacted BEATRICE BRAUDE, the latter advising KEENEY that she had a message for a MARY JANE from HELEN BOOTH. They decided to meet again for lunch at the 400 Club at 12:15 p.m. According to the informant, BEATRICE BRAUDE'S telephone number was Executive 6101, Extension 2403.

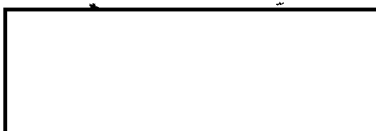
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MARY JANE KEENEY was a suspected Soviet Agent.

BEATRICE BRAUDE was born on October 10, 1913 at New York City and in the early part of 1948 was residing at 3221 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree at Hunter College in 1933. She was employed by OSS in September, 1943, father was MAX BRAUDE, 220 West 107th Street, New York City. He was born in Lithuania and was naturalized in 1912.

PAULINE & MILTON BRAVER  
305 West 52nd Street  
2D  
CT 6-3340

The above name merely appeared as "PAULINE & MILTON" with the address and telephone number. The Manhattan telephone directory lists this telephone to MILTON C. BRAVER.

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Confidential Informant T-8 in March and April, 1944, advised that [redacted] New York, appeared on the membership list of the 8th Assembly District, South Bronx County, Communist Party, USA.

Confidential Informant T-9 stated that on April 27 and 28, 1944, he ascertained that [redacted] Bronx, New York, was transferred from the 8th Assembly District, New York, Communist Party, to the Burnside Club of the Bronx County Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-10 advised in February of 1944 that [redacted] of [redacted] New York, was a member of the Avenue U Club, Kings County, 2nd Assembly District, Communist Party, USA.

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Mrs. RUSSELL COLE  
851 S. Windemere  
Littleton, Colo.

COPLON & SON  
1133 Broadway  
Room 536  
WA 4-2620

The above number is listed to S. M. COPLON & SON a dealer in toys at the above address.

It should be pointed out that this business is being operated by BERTRAM COPLON and presumably was started by JUDITH COPLON'S father, SAMUEL M. COPLON.

AL COPLON  
117-01 Parke Lane So.  
Kew Gardens  
VI 7-4117

The current New York Telephone Directory lists ALFRED M. COPLON at the above address.

Confidential Informant T-11 advised on September 11, 1944 that ALFRED COPLON of 117-01 Park Lane So., Kew Gardens, Long Island, and Mrs. ALFRED COPLON, same address, appeared on a list believed by the informant to be a membership list of the Forest Hills Community Club of the Communist Political Association. This list was maintained by DOROTHY FRIEDMAN, Membership Secretary of the Club.

The name A. COPLON of 117-01 Parke Lane So., Kew Gardens, appeared on a "Daily Worker" expiration list of June 17, 1944.



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Confidential Informant T-12 advised that the name ~~ALFRED KOPION~~ of 117-01 Parke Lane, Kew Gardens, appeared on various lists of persons believed to have been active in the American Labor Party in Queens County during the 1944 election. The lists bore notations indicating which persons were or were not Communist Political Association members. The name ~~ALFRED KOPION~~ was designated as a member as of October 25, 1944.

Confidential Informant [ ] advised on January 20, 1947 that the name ~~ALFRED COPLAN~~, 117-01 Parke Lane South, VI 7-4117, was on a list indicating that he was a member of the Communist Party, District #2, Queens County, and held the position of Kew Gardens Section Member. b7D

It is very likely that the above ~~ALFRED M. COPLON~~ is related in some way to ~~JUDITH COPLON~~ although the relationship is not presently known.

ANN COPLON  
547 Park Avenue  
Albany, New York  
Albany 2-9425

BERTRAM G. COPLON  
529 East 89th Street  
New York City  
AT 9-4491

The above individual is ~~JUDITH COPLON~~'S brother and the notation in her address book was merely "COPLON" with the address and telephone number.

MAX COPLON  
6036 25th Avenue  
Kenosha, Wisc.  
Pert - same address

ISMAEL M. CROTSICOS  
1461 Girard N.W.

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DEVELOPEX  
PO Box 146  
Madison Square Station  
New York 9

The New York telephone directory lists the DEVELOPEX CORPORATION at 402 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York.

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[REDACTED]

The above individual referred to as [REDACTED] is possibly identical with [REDACTED] an applicant in the Fall of 1948 for a position with the European Recovery Program. His address as of August, 1948 was 3363 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. He was born on [REDACTED] Boston, Massachusetts. As of August, 1948, he was employed as a law clerk for Chief Justice VINSON of the United States Supreme Court. His previous residences were listed as follows: 3051 Idaho Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. July 25, 1947 to June 10, 1948. (This might be the address in COPLON'S book which was noted as [REDACTED] see above). He listed his wife as [REDACTED]

He was in the United States Navy from July 29, 1942 to December 5, 1945. In New York, he resided at 308 West 21st Street, Apartment #6, from October, 1946 to July, 1947. While in New York, he was law clerk for Judge AUGUSTUS N. HAND, United States Circuit Court of Appeals, New York.

FAIRMAC CORP.  
3811 Porter Street N.W.  
\$34.50 per month

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Dr. JULIUS FOGEL  
1726 M N W.  
ME/LEH

DO. JANE LESLIE HARREL  
R.I.A. Club Squadron  
123 Piccadilly  
London W.1

I. J. HEARD  
613 P. Avenue S.E.  
TR 4756

On April 6, 1946, NORMAN CHANDLER BURSLEY, a suspected Russian sympathizer, received a letter with the following return address:

I. J. HEARD  
No. 2230  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

On April 18, 1946, BURSLEY received a communication from I. HEARD, No. 3230, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

AL HUDSON  
3230 N Street N.W.  
Apartment 2  
AD 4322

Confidential Informant T-13 advised on February 23, 1943 that a man known only to him as HUDSON was visiting the ALGER HISSSES in Washington, D.C. HUDSON made this statement then that he would contact JIM LAKE, 119 Grafton Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, in about a half hour.

ALGER HISS was recently accused by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as supplying information from the State Department to him, CHAMBERS, who was acting for the Soviets.

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JOE (or JO) ~~KLEIN~~  
1820 G Street N.W.  
EX 8296

~~LEVIN~~  
TE 3537

MARCIA & GIL ~~LESSER~~  
BO 3-4925  
144-35 76th Avenue  
Flushing

There is no LESSER currently listed as residing at 144-35 76th Avenue, Flushing, New York, in the current Queens telephone directory.

The Manhattan telephone directory lists a GILBERT LESSER, Attorney, with a business address as 101 West 55th Street, Plaza 7-7730.

The Brooklyn telephone directory lists a GILBERT R. LESSER residing at 10 8th Avenue, Brooklyn, UL 7-0042, and a GILBERT LESSER at 193 Hart Street, EV 8-3443.

On August 18, 1941, GILBERT LESSER was interviewed at the New York Office as an applicant for the position of stenographer. He resided at 501 West 109th Street, New York City, and was eighteen years of age at the time.

FRANK ~~LUPMAN~~  
2061 East 33rd Street  
Brooklyn  
ES 6-3549

The above name was listed as "LUPMAN" in COPLON'S address book and the current Brooklyn telephone directory has the listing as above.

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JESSIE/MAC KNIGHT  
5308 Moreland Lane  
Bethesda, Md.

This individual might possibly be identical with JESSE MAC KENZIE ~~MAC KNIGHT~~, an employee of the State Department, (Voice of America) in May, 1948. He resided at 918 Haddon Drive, Tacoma Park, Maryland. He was born on August 19, 1910 at Brooklyn, New York. His wife was named VIOLET.

From 1935 to 1939 he was Director of field work for the National Council for Prevention of War, 1013 18th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. From 1939 to 1940 he was with the Department of Agriculture (F.S.A.), Washington, D.C. as Assistant Research Analyst. From 1940 to 1941 he was a Research Associate, Library of Congress, from 1941 to 1945 he was Organizations and Propaganda Analyst, Department of Justice and from 1945 to date Special Assistant in the Department of State.

His residence from 1941 to May of 1948 was 918 Haddon Drive, Tacoma Park, Maryland. He resided at various places in Washington from 1935 to 1941. His father was named JESSE and his mother ADA.

Dr. ALTON & LEE MEISTER  
5804 Walnut Road  
Bethesda, Maryland  
OL 2329

LOU MENZER  
1569 42nd Street S.E.  
VI 9180

HELEN MESEL  
160 Genesee Avenue  
Paterson, New Jersey  
Van Hawkin 4-2350

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SIG MORAN  
401 East 2nd Street  
Brooklyn

FLO MORSE  
309 Avenue C  
New York City  
QR 3-4426

The current Manhattan telephone directory lists the above number to JOSEPH MORSE.

Confidential Informant ND 426 furnished this office with the letterhead of the American League for a Free Palestine, Inc., and the name JOSEPH MORSE was listed as one of the fifty-one members of the Executive Board of that organization.

The records of the Manufacturers Trust Company, 149 Broadway, New York City, show that one JOSEPH C. MORSE introduced the account of [redacted] and that MORSE was "an associate" of [redacted] was a lawyer doing business at MATTUCK & MATTUCK, 165 Broadway, New York City, and also had contacts with AMBIJAN, 285 Broadway. He was active in the campaign for the release of EARL BROWDER in 1941 and arranged a meeting between ROBERT MINOR, Communist Party functionary, and JAMES BENNETT, Director, United States Bureau of Prisons, on July 15, 1941.

PHILIP PAVIA  
53 West 8th Street  
New York City  
QR 5-5864

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The current telephone directory lists the above to PHILIP G. PAVIA.

Dr. HAROLD PEPPARD  
104 East 40th Street  
New York City  
MU 3-2247

The Manhattan telephone directory lists HAROLD M. PEPPARD, Osteopath, at the above address, telephone MU 3-2239. It was indicated that if there was no answer, to call MU 3-2247.

On May 1 and 31, 1943, Mrs. JOHN PHILIP BENKARD, a suspected Spanish sympathizer, received letters from PEPPARD.

PHELPS BAGS  
17 East 48th Street  
MU 8-1722

The Manhattan Telephone Directory lists the following at the above number:

PHELPS INDUSTRIES  
PHELPS WHOLESALE, INC.  
PHELPS BAGS  
W. D. PHELPS

MORTON POMERANZ  
1633 51st Street  
Brooklyn 4, New York

The current Brooklyn telephone directory lists the above telephone number to JACOB S. POMERANZ.

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It will be recalled that COPLON had in her possession on January 19, 1949 a personal letter to her from POMERANZ.

MINNIE & MORT RAFF  
559 Orange Street  
New Haven, Connecticut



REID, HALL  
4 Rue de Chevreuse  
Paris  
(Miss DOROTHY E. PEET, Pres.)

LORETTA REALANDER  
Route #3  
Box 11  
1149 Yakima, Washington

DORA SANDER  
4206 Kaywood Drive  
Maryland  
UN 0280

ANDRE SCHINDLER  
Hotel Recomier  
3 Bis Place  
St. Sulpice  
Paris 6

By letter dated March 12, 1942, the Bureau advised the New York Office that ANDRE SCHINDLER of the Bronx Parlor Frame Company, was one of the

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individuals indicated to be one of the "red leaders" in New York City. It was indicated that he was affiliated with the United Furniture Workers of America, CIO. The Bureau indicated that this information was given by an unknown outside source.

ARTHUR J. SEIDMAN  
1820 Avenue N  
Brooklyn  
DE 9-3496

The above was in COPLON'S book merely as "SEIDMAN" with the address and telephone number.

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The name [redacted] was obtained from the diary and the two names of [redacted] and two addresses were in COPLON'S address book. The [redacted] address and telephone number had been scratched out. No one with a name similar to the above is listed in the telephone directory as residing at either of the above two addresses.



Confidential Informant T-14 advised that on November 26, 1945 a [redacted] told HELEN SILVERMASTER that on the same date [redacted] was

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attending a conference in Atlantic City. HELEN SILVERMASTER was a suspected Soviet Agent.

It will be recalled that [redacted] was the individual who was surveilled by New York Agents on January 19, 1949.

It was ascertained from Mr. ROY MOULTON, Manager of the Hotel Picadilly, that on January 19, 1949, [redacted] registered at the Picadilly Hotel as being from the address set out above. Mr. MOULTON said that [redacted] had registered for a single room. Subsequently, Mr. MOULTON said that [redacted] checked out of the hotel the following morning, January 20, 1949.

MARGARET SWICK  
1328 Downing N.E.  
NO 6335

[redacted]

The telephone number Cortlandt 7-3670 is listed to EDWARD RAGER, Attorney at 120 Broadway. The telephone number RI 9-0158 is listed to LOUIS SIEGEL who also has a listing as Certified Public Accountant-Attorney at 11 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, telephone LO 3-7237.

It will be recalled that on January 20, 1949, COPLON met [redacted] at 120 Broadway.

EDWARD RAGER is a Republican City Councilman for the City of New York and as of 1942 was Recording Secretary for the National Republican Club. On March 18, 1947, RAGER called for an investigation by the F.B.I. of the murder of JOSEPH SCOTT BORGIO (a Republican election worker) and also an investigation of "political gangsters" terrorizing East Harlem. RAGER also wanted a probe into the political practices in the 18th Congressional District, New York City, which district VITO MARCANTONIO is elected to Congress. This resolution of RAGER was referred to the Committee of Rules of the New York Council.

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On January 5, 1948, the "Militant" newspaper of the Socialist Workers Party carried an article announcing a gathering on January 10, 1948 of the Tresca Memorial Committee to pay tribute to CARLO TRESCA who was murdered in 1943. Several speakers were listed among whom were EDWARD RAGER, City Councilman, ROGER N. BALDWIN of the American Civil Liberties Union and NORMAN THOMAS.

It will be recalled that TRESCA was a well known radical in the New York area of some note but was very anti-Communist. His assassination in 1943 caused wide spread comment in the New York area.

The 1947 Green Book published by the City of New York lists RAGER as residing at 136 East 36th Street, New York City, and was elected to the City Council in the 1946 general election.

Confidential Informant T-15 advised on July 16, 1948 that the name, [redacted] New York City, appeared on a petition to President TRUMAN dated April 15, 1948 protesting the United States policy in Palestine. The petition allegedly was organized and abetted by persons identified by the New York City police as Communists.

[redacted] is identical with an individual who before August of 1943 applied for a position of Expert, War Division, United States Department of Justice.

The records of Walton High School, New York City, reflected that [redacted] was born on [redacted] New York City. She attended Walton High School from September, 1935 to June, 1939.

The records of Hunter College, New York City, reflected that [redacted] entered that college in September, 1939 and attended until August, 1942. The records of Barnard College, New York City, reflected that [redacted] attended that college from September, 1942 to June, 1943 graduating with an A.B. Degree. During her attendance at Barnard College, she majored in Government. While at Barnard College, she participated in the French and German Clubs.

It is to be pointed out that [redacted] graduated from Barnard in the same class with JUDITH COPLON.

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Up to 1936, the [redacted] b6  
[redacted] New York. From 1936 to 1938, they resided at [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] From 1938 to April, 1940, they resided at [redacted]  
New York. From 1940 to April, 1942, the [redacted] family resided at [redacted]  
[redacted] New York. From April, 1942 to the present, [redacted] family resides  
at [redacted] New York City.

It was noted in the records of Barnard College that [redacted] gave her  
full name as [redacted]

LORRAINE & ALVIN SINDERBRAND  
247 Dela. Avenue S.W.

PAULINE SLAVIN  
2027 Park Road  
Washington, N.W.  
NO 1686

On December 23, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] stated that the b7D  
name PAULA SLAVIN, no address, appeared on a membership list of the International  
Workers Order, Lodge #817. Her birthdate was given as 1906.

SADIE & DAVE STEINER  
284 Van Nostrand Avenue  
Jersey City 5

The Hudson County New Jersey telephone directory lists DAVID H. STEINER  
an attorney at 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey, as well as the  
resident address as given above.

STEVE  
CH 3976

STEVENS  
DT 0155

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The above telephone number is listed to Kings County Stone Setting Company, 445 39th Street, Brooklyn, New York. It is also listed to [redacted] Brooklyn, New York.



This name was listed in COPLOW'S address book merely as [redacted] with the address and telephone number but it is undoubtedly identical with an individual by the name of [redacted] who was an applicant for employment with the European Recovery Program in 1948. [redacted] resides at [redacted] Washington, D.C. He was born [redacted] New York. He attended Columbia College, New York City, from 1936 to 1940 and Columbia Law School from 1940 to 1943. From April, 1946 to July, 1947, he was employed by LOOF, BALLANTINE, HARTMAN, DUSHEX, and PALMER, 31 Nassau Street, New York City, as an attorney. From February, 1943 to June, 1943, he was employed as an attorney by LOOF, CLARK, DUCKETER and BALLANTINE, 31 Nassau Street, New York City.

From 1938 to 1940, he resided at [redacted] New York. From 1940 to February, 1946, at [redacted] New York. From February, 1946 to July, 1946, at 145 East 49th Street, New York, New York. From August, 1946 to July, 1947 at [redacted] New York, New York. He listed his relatives as [redacted] father; [redacted] mother; and [redacted] brother, all at [redacted] Richmond Hill, New York.

TEXTILE WEAVING COMPANY  
811 13th Street N.Y.

ERIKA THIMEX  
2012 P Street N.Y.  
HO 7991

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S. A. WEINSTOCK  
1362 East 14th Street  
Brooklyn  
NI 5-2159

The above name was merely listed as "WEINSTOCK" in COPLON'S address book with the address and telephone number.

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It is noted above that there is a [redacted] listed at [redacted] [redacted] New York, with a telephone number appearing elsewhere in COPLON'S address book. Also, in a letter dated January 18, 1949, the Washington Field Office advised the New York Office that one of COPLON'S contacts was a [redacted] first name unknown, who resided at [redacted]

DORIS WRIGLEY  
1917 G N.W.  
Apartment 3  
EX 8321

MIMI & BUDDY ZWICK  
675 Empire Boulevard  
Brooklyn, New York

The Brooklyn telephone directory lists a JULIUS M. ZWICK at the above address, telephone President 2-6840.

ROSE & HENRY ZWICK  
1205 Avenue R  
Brooklyn, New York  
DE 9-4066

The above telephone number is listed to H. ZWICK at the above address.

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A highly confidential informant advised on March 3, 1944 that ROSE ZWICK of 387 Atkins Avenue, husband PAUL, was a member of the East New York Club of the Communist Party in the 22nd Assembly District, Kings County, New York.

It is possible that this ZWICK is not identical with the one in COPLON'S book.



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It is believed that the above refers to 

KACHEAN GARDEN'S, possibly MC LEAN  
OR 6622

COLUMBIA U LIBRARY  
4-F  
9-5:30  
Sat. 9-12  
Closed Sun.  
Pass 3:15

JEFFERSON HALL  
3685 38th Street N.W.  
Room 135  
OR 3530  
WO 9871

DI 8458

LEE OFFICE N.W.  
UN 7713

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OL 2-3800

This telephone number was discontinued and calls made there are being transferred to KO 7-1000 which is listed to the Montefiore Hospital, East Gun Hill Road and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx.

17 Rue Premier  
Campagne  
Paris 14

By letter dated January 18, 1949, the Washington Field Office furnished the New York Office with a list of names of individuals who presumably were contacts of JUDITH COPLON. The result of the check of the New York files on some of these names have been set out above. The remainder were checked with the following results:

SYD ~~BRODIE~~

This individual is believed identical with SYDNEY BRODIE who applied for a position as Attorney with the Department in 1945. He was born on October 11, 1916. He subsequently obtained employment with the Department as an Attorney. The election records in New York showed that he registered with the American Labor Party in 1937 and his wife did the same in 1939.

[REDACTED]

On January 8, 1945, the passenger list of Pan American Airways, Flight 140326, was furnished this office in connection with foreign travel control. Among the passengers was a [REDACTED]. She advised that she was born on [REDACTED]. She exhibited a passport of the Protectorate of the French Republic at Morocco, Region of Casablanca, #3240, issued at Casablanca on September 27, 1944. She had United States non-quota immigration visa #6 issued at the American Consulate at Casablanca, Morocco, on November 22, 1944. She said that her permanent address henceforth would be at the home of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Washington, D. C.

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She said that prior to her marriage she resided at #6, Passage Toledano, Casablanca, and had lived either at Tangier or Casablanca all her life. She said that her husband, [redacted] whom she married on August 16, 1944 in Casablanca, was in the United States Army, priorities in traffic, 1252nd A.A.F., Base Unit, North Africa Division, A.T.C., A.P.O. 396, c/o Postmaster, New York. [redacted] said that she had a sister-in-law, [redacted] New York, with whom she planned to stay for a few days.

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NATALIE NETMAN  
(a dancer with MARTHA GRAHAM)

One NATHALIE SANJONI, nee NETMAN, of Staten Island, New York, filed an application with the New York Office for the position of Russian Translator. She stated that she had been employed by the Amtorg Trading Corporation from 1929 to 1936. Nothing in her application connected her with Washington, D.C. and it is noted that she was born on August 25, 1892 which would make her rather old for a dancer.

VIVIEN LOVE

Confidential Informant T-16 advised on December 5, 1944 that SAUL MILLS recommended to LOWELL CHAMBERLAIN a girl by the name of VIVIEN LOVE for a position with the N.M.U. ("High Light"). SAUL gave the following information about VIVIEN LOVE:

Address:	900 West End Avenue
Telephone number:	Academy 2-2933
Born:	November 4, 1920
Marital Status:	Single
Past employment:	Detroit Times (June, 1942 to October, 1943) Cadet Nurse Corps New York "Daily News" J. Walter Thompson Company (Advertising Agency New York)

She possessed an A.B. Degree from Hunter College, New York.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will ascertain the complete and correct names of the individuals listed in COPLON'S address book who reside in the Washington area through telephone and city directories and other readily available sources of information. These names should be checked against the Washington Field Office files. Whether further investigation of these individuals is believed warranted, is being left to the discretion of the Washington Field Office.

Will determine if J. D. ECKSTATER of the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice as set out in this report is identical with the one in COPLON'S address book and whether still employed with the Department of Justice.

Will determine if SYDNEY BRODIE is presently employed in the United States Department of Justice and further whether he is identical with the SYD BRODIE brought to the attention of the Washington Field Office.

Will determine if LAWRENCE FORREST EBB is identical with the LARRY EBB appearing in COPLON'S address book and if so whether he is employed with the European Recovery Program.

Will determine if [REDACTED] is employed by the European Recovery Program.

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Will determine if JESSE MAC KENZIE MAC KNIGHT is identical with the JESSE MAC KNIGHT appearing in COPLON'S address book and further whether he is employed by the State Department.

Will determine if I. HERBAND who was with the Department of Justice in 1946 is identical with the one appearing in COPLON'S address book.

Will determine if BEATRICE BRAUDE is still connected with the State Department and if so whether she is identical with the one in COPLON'S address book.

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Will determine if [redacted] was ever employed by the Department of Justice and if so, the nature of her duties while employed.

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Will analyze COPLON'S account at the City National Bank, Washington, D.C. which was opened in 1945.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will identify [redacted]

Will ascertain if DEVELOPEX, Post Office Box 146, Madison Square Station, New York 9, New York, is identical with the DEVELOPEX CORPORATION at 420 Lexington Avenue.

Will determine the background and current activities of SEYMOUR HAGAN.

Will determine the background and current activities of [redacted]  
[redacted] to determine if she could possibly be the unknown M.A.B. Agent Zora.

Will continue to cover the activities of COPLON on her trips to New York City.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, January 28, 1949.

The background information set out in the above report on JUDITH COPLON was obtained from the files of the New York Office entitled "JUDITH COPLON; DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT - POLITICAL ANALYST"; and "JUDITH COPLON, aka. JUDY COPLIN, Political Analyst Foreign Agents Registration Section, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.; LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES."

The background information on ROBERT MARTIN WOHLFORTH was obtained from the file of the investigation entitled "ROBERT MARTIN WOHLFORTH, Antitrust Division, United States Department of Justice, New York, New York; LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES".

The background information on DAVID RICHARD BOOKSTAVER appearing in this report was obtained from the file of the investigation entitled "DAVID RICHARD BOOKSTAVER; DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, CRIMINAL DIVISION."

The background information on BEATRICE BRAUDE appearing in the above report was obtained from the file of the investigation entitled "BEATRICE BRAUDE, Research Analyst, Department of State, Washington, D.C.; LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES."

The information concerning LAWRENCE FOREST EBB appearing in this report was obtained from the case file of the investigation entitled "LAWRENCE FOREST EBB; EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM" (Bureau file 124-1098).

The information concerning I. HERALD appearing in the above report was obtained from the case file entitled "NORMAN CHANDLER BUSTLER; INTERNAL SECURITY - R".

The background information appearing in this report on JESSE MAC KENZIE MAC KNIGHT was obtained from the case file entitled "JESSE MAC KENZIE MAC KNIGHT; SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80TH CONGRESS (VOICE OF AMERICA). (Bureau file 123-346).

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The information on JOSEPH MORSE appearing in the above report was obtained from the case files entitled "HEBREW COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION; INTERNAL SECURITY - X, REGISTRATION ACT" and "EDWARD I. ARONOW; INTERNAL SECURITY - C".

The information on Dr. HAROLD PEPPARD appearing in the instant report was obtained from the case file entitled "Mrs. JOHN PHILIP BENKARD; INTERNAL SECURITY - S".

The information on [redacted] of a background nature which is set out in the instant report was obtained from the case file entitled [redacted] DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, EXPERT, WAR DIVISION".

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The background information in the instant report pertaining to [redacted] was obtained from the case file entitled [redacted] EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM". (Bureau file #124-1033).

The information on SYDNEY BRODIE was obtained from the case file entitled "SYDNEY BRODIE; DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, ATTORNEY".

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The following Confidential Informants appear in the report of  
SA T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., New York, January 28, 1949.

T-1	[redacted] Referral/Consult	b7D
T-2	[redacted] [redacted] United States Department of Justice, 30 Broad Street, New York City and an Economist in that office at the time he was interviewed in May, 1946 in case entitled "JUDITH COPLON; DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, POLITICAL ANALYST".	
T-3	A highly confidential and reliable source [redacted] [redacted]	
T-4	Former Confidential Informant [redacted]	
T-5	A highly confidential source [redacted] [redacted]	
T-6	NYT [redacted] in case entitled "CHARLES RECHT; INTERNAL SECURITY-R"	
T-7	Washington Field [redacted] in case entitled "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was. ET AL; ESPIONAGE - R."	
T-8	A highly confidential source [redacted] [redacted]	
T-9	A highly confidential source who [redacted] [redacted]	

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD. *DL*

DATE: March 4, 1949

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
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Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 12:20 P.M. today I called ASAC Belmont of New York and furnished him over the telephone a complete copy of the Attorney General's memorandum of March 3, 1949. Thereafter I advised him that the subject Coplon was leaving Washington on the 1:00 train for New York City, that there would be two Agents surveilling her who are aware of all of the facts of the case. As soon as the New York Office picks up the surveillance they, the Washington Field Office Agents, will go to the New York Office and await further instructions.

I instructed Mr. Belmont that they should make the same effort to cover any meeting of the subjects Coplon and Gubitchev as they have made previously, and it was very necessary that they make every effort to be successful in covering this particular meeting. I told him that if they were satisfied that subject Coplon had passed documents to Gubitchev, they were authorized to cause the arrest of both. If they were not satisfied that some documents had been passed, they should not cause their arrest. The question of whether an arrest was proper under the circumstances in light of these instructions was left to his discretion.

I pointed out that the subject Gubitchev might try to get rid of any documents when he was accosted and they should be careful in that respect and should give consideration to searching him on the spot. If they did find documents they should take proper care in handling them and I suggested the use of cellophane envelopes to preserve fingerprints to prove that Coplon had had the documents.

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I told Mr. Belmont that I was taking up with Mr. Whearty of the Department the question of subpoenas as outlined in the memorandum from the Attorney General. We would try to arrange to have subpoenas in the possession of the New York Office. I instructed that he advise the Bureau on a 30-minute basis of the developments in this matter. I told him that the surveillance should be of that character which would result in covering any meeting of the subjects but; of course, we did not want the case spoiled by the surveillance. Mr. Belmont expressed the opinion that their surveillance would result in covering any meeting that would occur. I told him that if she should meet a stranger and pass him information, no arrest should occur but their inquiry then should be designed to determine who this stranger is. If a person other than Gubitchev received information and that person was known to the New York Office, then it would be a matter again within their discretion.

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I also advised him of the nature of the deceptive information and the classified information which had been made available to Coplon this morning. In this connection Mr. Foley called me at 9:30 A.M. and advised that the Bureau memorandum of March 2, 1949, which contains deceptive information and also classified information dealing with the national defense, carried under the title of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, had been made available to Coplon. I explained to Mr. Belmont that a deliberate error had been made in the communication in attaching an extra onionskin copy which subject Coplon could remove, and the fact that it was missing would not mean anything because actually only the original and one onionskin copy should be in the possession of the Department. I told him that we would try to ascertain as quickly as we could this evening whether or not she had taken this document or a copy thereof and would advise the New York Office.

Mr. Belmont stated that they would go over the instructions of the Bureau and the memorandum of the Attorney General and if there were any additional questions he would call for further instruction and advice.

At 11:45 A.M. I instructed Special Agent Delavigne of the Washington Field Office to be certain that an Agent well acquainted with the facts of this case took part in the surveillance of Coplon to New York. Mr. Delavigne stated that the two Agents who had the most knowledge of this case would take part in the surveillance.

At 1:15 P.M. I talked with Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department. He stated he was planning on catching the Congressional at 4:00 P.M., putting him in New York at 7:35. He would call the New York Office on his arrival and if necessary he would go to the New York Office at that time. He stated that in New York he can be reached either through the United States Attorney's Office or at Telephone Talmage 9-6639, listed in the name of Marie Dennin, 1969 McGraw Avenue, Bronx. He stated that the instructions in the Attorney General's memorandum to the effect that the New York Office should consult with the United States Attorney could be ignored in that he would handle the matter in New York.

At 1:40 P.M. I advised ASAC Belmont that Mr. Ray Whearty would leave at 4:00 P.M., arriving in New York at 7:35; that he would call the New York Office at that time and would ask for Mr. Belmont. The purpose of the call will be to ascertain whether Mr. Whearty should come to the New York Office. I also furnished him the telephone numbers that Mr. Whearty will use in New York. I advised him that Mr. Whearty was arranging with Mr. Donegan to have two blank subpoenas delivered to him, Belmont, this afternoon, so that they would be available.

Immediately following this call to Mr. Belmont I again reached Mr. Ray Whearty and told him that when he arrived in New York he should ask for Mr. Belmont on his telephone call to the New York Office. If Mr. Belmont was not present he would have it arranged so that Mr. Whearty could be properly advised. Mr. Whearty stated that he had arranged for the two blank subpoenas to be delivered to Mr. Belmont.

This is to record that at the time Mr. Peyton Ford delivered the memorandum of the Attorney General dated March 3, 1949, outlining the instructions to be followed in this matter, Mr. Ford advised us that with reference to the last paragraph it was necessary to include it because of statements appearing in the memorandum received by the Attorney General from the State Department; that if there is anything objectionable in it from the standpoint of the Bureau, it could be straightened out with him. With reference to this last paragraph the following language appears: "If you are of the opinion that the national interest will be better served by continuing observation for a further period to determine whether espionage of a more serious character is involved, do not hesitate to so advise the Department." With reference to this statement it is believed that if the circumstances warrant it, this matter should be concluded by the arrest of the two known subjects at the time any documents are passed. The following statement also appears: "Should you be of the opinion that the case should not be brought to an issue at this time, I should like to have your views as to whether the subject Coplon should be separated from the Department now or continued in her present capacity to permit of such observation." This request for an opinion can be better answered after the developments in this case over the week-end become known. It is believed that if no positive action takes place this week-end, the Department should be advised that the question of whether or not subject Coplon continues in the employment of the Department is one which should be determined by the Department. An appropriate answer will be addressed to Mr. Peyton Ford this coming Monday.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON

DATE: March 4, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Peyton Ford called me on the afternoon of March 4 in connection with the above entitled matter and suggested that Mr. Nichols get in touch with Dean Schedler of the Department and work out the arrangements for a press release. Mr. Ford stated that in view of the fact that Coplon was an employee of the Justice Department, he wanted to be sure that the release was a joint release and one that would be agreeable to both the Attorney General and the Director.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd.

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
Espionage - R

DATE: March 4, 1949

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
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Mr. Nease  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

ASAC Belmont, New York, called at 6:00 P. M. stating that Coplon had arrived at 5:35 P. M. She checked her handbag at the Railroad Station. The contents of this handbag are not pertinent. At 6:05 she went to a restaurant at 49th and 7th Avenue. During Mr. Belmont's call another report came in reflecting she had entered an 8th Ave. and Washington Heights Express Subway train at 42nd and 8th Avenue. This puts her on the going in the direction of the place where she has met in the past with Gubitcheb.

Valentine  
Gubitcheb, at 4:50 P. M. came out of the United Nation Building with an unknown person. He immediately began checking for surveillance and was lost at 5:05 P. M. when he mixed into the heavy home-going crowds.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*

DATE: March 4, 1949

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
Espionage - R

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
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At 6:48 P. M. ASAC Belmont called stated that at 6:35 Coplon got off the subway train at 181st Street. Instead of going out the normal exit with the other passengers, she walked down a completely empty long subway station platform. Three Agents who were with her had to get off the platform or surveillance would have been fruitless. The entire neighborhood is covered from 181st to 193rd Street. Mr. Belmont stated that he expects to pick her up at any minute. At 6:54 P. M. you advised me that she had been spotted again and was under surveillance at 187th Street according to a telephone call from Belmont to Mr. Nichols.

At 7:14 P. M. Mr. Belmont called and stated that at 7:00 P. M. he had stood at 193rd Street and Broadway, the usual meeting place. She stayed from 8 to 10 minutes, was not met by anyone and she shifted her position to about a block south. At the time of his call she was again moving toward 193rd Street.

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*Valentine*  
At 7:43 P. M., Mr. Belmont called and stated that at 7:23 P. M. Gubitcheb was spotted coming out of the 193rd Street subway. He stood around on the corner. At 7:25 P. M., he went into a drugstore. At that time, Coplon was in a cigar store across the street. At 7:27 P. M. ~~Gubitcheb~~ left the drugstore and went down to 192nd Street to a bus stop. He let several buses go by and then disappeared down a side street. In the interim, Coplon has walked on down the street and is in the vicinity of 186th Street. Mr. Belmont states that they have 193rd Street meeting place completely covered.

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TO : D. M. LADD *ph*  
 FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 4, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
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*Valentini* At 8:12 PM, Belmont called and stated that at 7:45 PM, ~~X~~ Gubitcheb had taken a bus at 192nd Street, going south. He got off at the first stop and continued to walk south. In the meantime, Coplon, who was still further south, turned around and started walking north. They passed each other with no sign of recognition.

At 7:54 PM, both were walking north. At that time they were about 189th Street. Coplon was on the west side of the street and Gubitcheb on the east side.

At 8:00 PM, she dropped down the subway at 190th Street. At 8:00 PM, he was at 193rd Street and he was still walking north.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD *DL*  
 FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 4, 1949

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Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

At 9:00 PM, Mr. Belmont called and stated that at 8:10 PM Gubitcheb had caught a bus at 193rd Street going north. Mr. Belmont stated that one agent was still with Coplon. So far as known the last report on her was 8:00 PM, when she went down into the subway at 190th Street.

While I was talking to Mr. Belmont, he received a report from the agent surveilling Coplon who stated that she had gotten off a subway at 42nd Street and 7th Avenue. She stayed there on the street and in about ten minutes Gubitcheb came by. She started to walk toward Ninth Avenue with *Valentine* Gubitcheb behind her watching for surveillances. He finally passed her and then ran for a bus. She also ran for this bus and the surveilling agent, of course, lost the surveillance at this point.

At 9:20 PM, Mr. Belmont advised that the surveillance was picked up again when they got off the bus at 14th Street. They were doing everything possible to avoid surveillance. Mr. Belmont advised that they were having extreme difficulty holding the surveillance. In view of this development, Mr. Peyton Ford was called and informed of the development, and told that the surveillance could not be held much longer. At that time he talked to you and stated he would get hold of the Attorney General to see whether or not their apprehension was desired.

Mr. Peyton Ford called back and talked to you at 9:33 PM, and stated that he had talked with the Attorney General and that the subjects should be apprehended even though they had separated. These instructions were issued immediately to Mr. Belmont, who reported that although the surveillance had been lost for a few minutes, it had been recovered and the subjects were together.

At 9:40 PM, Mr. Belmont called back and stated that both had been apprehended at 9:36 PM, and were en route to the office. Within a few minutes I advised Mr. Peyton Ford of this development and told him I would advise him of further developments. He stated he was informing the Attorney General and the State Department.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FIETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 4, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 10:00 PM, ASAC Belmont called in and stated that they haven't finished interviewing the subject and Gubitcheb yet, but they do not believe Gubitcheb has any documents on him.

However, the subject, Coplon, was carrying in her purse a small, flat package, similar to a box of ladies' stockings and in it is contained a number of typewritten abstracts of numerous Bureau reports. In the body of the abstracts was indicated the name of the subjects, and characters of the subjects, such as, "Security Matter-C". There was a handwritten note which covered the information set out in the memorandum of March 3, 1949, dealing with Amtorg. It is identified as coming from that memorandum, and the last line of the handwritten note says, "Bureau memorandum, 3/3/49".

At 10:26 PM, the foregoing developments were furnished to Mr. Peyton Ford. He said that he thought the case was made. He stated that he had been trying to get in touch with Mr. Whearty without success. I told him Mr. Whearty was en route to the New York office in an automobile. He stated that when Mr. Whearty became available he would like to have Mr. Whearty get in touch with him. I told him that I would try to assist him in getting Mr. Whearty in touch with him.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York 7, New York

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FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

March 4, 1949

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Director, FBI

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Re: JUDITH COPLON;  
ESPIONAGE-R

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith the originals of documents removed from the purse of subject, JUDITH COPLON, subsequent to her apprehension on the night of March 4, 1949. These documents were found folded up and wrapped with scotch tape in a flat package about the size and resembling a pair of ladies' hose. The documents have been marked for identification. In removing them from the package and identifying them, the documents were necessarily handled to a very limited extent by Special Agents T. Scott Miller, Jr. and Brewer Wilson; therefore, there is a slight possibility that fingerprints of these two Agents may be found on the documents.

It is requested that these documents be examined for fingerprints. However, such examination should not mar the documents as they are vital evidence. They should also be examined to determine the make, typewriter or typewriters used, and the typewriting should be compared with any typewriter which may have been used by COPLON either at the Department of Justice or in her home. It is requested further that the handwriting appearing on these documents be compared with the handwriting of JUDITH COPLON, samples of which undoubtedly can be obtained from the Department of Justice by whom she is employed. In the event it is ascertained that any of these documents were typed or written by anyone other than JUDITH COPLON, immediate steps should be taken to ascertain the authors. Any further examination of the paper utilized, the forms on which typed, etc., which the Laboratory may be able to accomplish, will be appreciated.

Twenty-five copies of the photographs of JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE GUBITCHEV are likewise being forwarded herewith together with 3 sets of photostatic copies of the original documents mentioned above.

The documents and the photographs are being brought by Special Agents Payne and Mendenhall of the Washington Field Office personally to the Bureau.

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FOR LAB ACTION AND REPORT

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt  
EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*  
 FROM : R. J. Lamphere *RJL*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 5, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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At 11:25 a.m. on this date I talked to Special Agent Ken Delavigne and to Special Agent Dudley Payne at the office of the United States Attorney in Washington, D. C., where they were awaiting action on the search warrant for Coplon's apartment. I instructed Mr. Delavigne that he should have an agent familiar with this case available at the Washington Field Office in order to initiate the interviews of various associates of Coplon. Arrangements were made whereby Special Agent Thomas Mendenhall, who is familiar with this case, would report to Special Agent Whitson at the Bureau regarding further instructions relative to the interviews. Mr. Delavigne stated that he had twenty agents standing by who would be available to handle the interviews.

I also informed Mr. Whitson of your desire that he should contact Mr. Ladd concerning whether we should check with the State Department prior to interviewing Mr. Bernard Morris.

Recommendation:

This is for your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director: FBI ATTENTION FBI LAB

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESP-R.

DATE: March 5, 1949

Transmitted herewith is a Corona typewriter, serial number 1C180116, obtained by Special Agent L. W. R. OBERNDORF, by search warrant from the apartment of Subject, McLean Gardens, Washington, D.C. on March 5, 1949.

It is requested that typing specimens be secured from this machine and comparison be made between them and typing appearing on material obtained from the person of Subject when she was arrested in New York, March 4, 1949.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR: FBI      Attention FBI LAB

FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
Espionage-R

DATE: March 5, 1949

Transmitted herewith are eleven specimens taken from the eleven typewriters located in the Foreign Agents Registration Section, U. S. Dept. of Justice. This includes a full page of specimens taken from Royal typewriter, serial number KMM-2562236, which is the only machine located in the room occupied by Subject. It is observed that this machine is located behind her desk and in such a position that would indicate she is probably the individual who uses this typewriter. *K/1711*

It is requested that the typewriting appearing on the enclosures be compared with the material found on Subject when she was arrested on March 4, 1949.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD  
 FROM : H. B. FLETCHER  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 3-7-49

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

ASAC Belmont, New York, called at 11:50 a.m. today and advised that Mr. Whearty of the Department is returning by plane to Washington this afternoon. Mr. Whearty and Mr. Donegan have appeared before the Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York in connection with this case. It is expected that the Grand Jury will adjourn today and reconvene on Wednesday to further consider this matter. Mr. Belmont stated that some of the Agents in the New York Office probably will be called upon to appear before the Grand Jury this afternoon and again on Wednesday, and thereafter when the Grand Jury convenes.

Mr. Whearty told Mr. Belmont that thus far he has seen only a few memoranda, one relating to the examination of Coplon's office in the Department, and the other concerning contact on the evening of February 28. He stated that if at all possible, he would like to have copies of the reports reflecting all of the developments in this matter, or even a summary memorandum, so that he will be in a position to handle the case when he returns to New York on Wednesday. In his absence, Mr. Donegan is going ahead with this case. Mr. Belmont advised that the New York Office is presently working on their report and suggested that the Washington Field Office be requested to expedite a report reflecting its investigation of this matter.

Mr. Whearty has also stated that he is anxious to have the results of the FBI Laboratory documents and would also like to be apprised of the results of the search of Coplon's apartment in Washington. He further suggested that the Agents of the Washington Field Office be informed that their testimony undoubtedly will be needed, and suggested that they be ready to appear before the Grand Jury in New York on Wednesday or Thursday.

Mr. Whearty further advised Mr. Belmont that Mr. Kneipe of the Department, who reportedly is an indictment specialist, is now working on an indictment in this matter.

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Mr. Belmont stated that after the New York Office prepares its report, it will furnish copies to Mr. Donegan for his assistance in handling this case.

Immediately after talking with Mr. Belmont, I called the Washington Field Office, and in the absence of Supervisor Delavigne, instructed Special Agent Thomas Mendenhall to start immediately the preparation of the WFO report in this case and also to advise the Agents who have handled this investigation to be prepared for appearance before the Grand Jury in New York in the event their presence is requested. I told Mr. Mendenhall that a request for Bureau reports had been received from the Department, and, therefore, it was necessary that their submission be expedited and

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that the Bureau have the report, if at all possible, either late this evening or first thing in the morning.

I also have called Mr. Sizoo of the Laboratory and advised him of the Department's request and asked that the Laboratory expedite any examinations it is making in this matter, as well as its reports.

Addendum:

At 12:45 p.m., Mr. Delavigne of the Washington Field Office called and stated that in connection with the request for a comprehensive report on this case, it would be impossible to meet the Bureau's deadline of late this afternoon or early tomorrow morning, because at the present time the WFO has 20 to 25 Agents running out all logical leads, such as checking bank accounts, neighborhoods where she formerly resided, contacts, etc., investigation which should have been conducted previously but which could not be done for security reasons. I requested Mr. Delavigne to submit as complete a report as possible to show the espionage activities of Coplon, including as much other information as was presently available, in order that this information might be available for the benefit of Messrs. Whearty and Donegan.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*  
 FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, with aliases  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 7, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to your request, at 9:35 a.m. on this date Mr. Ken Delavigne of the Washington Field Office was instructed by Special Agent R. J. Lamphere to have an immediate inventory made of the data sheets (abstracts) in the Foreign Agents Registration Section. Prior to such an inventory, Mr. Delavigne was told to interview Mr. William Foley, the head of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, for details on how the data sheets are prepared and filed. Mr. Delavigne was instructed that this inventory is to be made for the following purposes:

1. To locate and obtain the originals of the carbons which Coplon had in her possession when arrested.
2. To locate and obtain the carbon copies of the originals which she had in her possession.
3. To determine which major espionage cases are included in the data sheets for the purpose of determining, in so far as is possible, what material has been given by Coplon to the Soviets.

Mr. Delavigne was also instructed to ask Mr. Foley if there are any immediate plans to integrate these data sheets into the main files of the Department of Justice.

RECOMMENDATION: This is for your information.

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TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher

DATE: March 7, 1949

FROM : Lish Whitson

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
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Mr. Pennington	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 11:05 a.m. today Mrs. Evelyn J. Winter, a Departmental employee, telephonically advised Special Agent R. J. Lamphere that she had received a telephone call from an acquaintance of hers, Mrs. Grace Evans, who resides in apartment 305 at 1460 Irving Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Mrs. Winter stated this woman is crippled and wanted to know if arrangements could be made for an Agent to come and see her. She indicated she had information concerning one or more persons who might be associated with Judith Coplon.

She furnished the name of one of them as Emilie ~~Dieterle~~ <sup>to be</sup> of 2276 Cathedral Avenue, concerning whom she was suspicious inasmuch as when her fingerprints were taken under the Loyalty Program this individual failed to go to work. She also reportedly said that Dieterle had been to Germany in what she thought was the Russian occupied zone.

Mrs. Winter described her as "agitated and worried" about the matter. Actually, it is doubted if she will have any information concerning Judith Coplon or her associates; however, Special Agent Lamphere telephonically advised Special Agent Dudley Payne of the Washington Field Office to have an Agent contact Mrs. Evans for any information she may have.

RECOMMENDATION: This is for your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. T. Harbo *RH*

DATE: March 7, 1949

FROM : J. A. Sizoo *JAS*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
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On March 5, 1949, SA W. A. BRANIGAN of Division Five handed SA F. E. WEBB the personnel file of JUDITH COPLON for use in a comparison of handwriting contained therein with a questioned handwritten note submitted with New York's letter of March 4, 1949.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attn: FBI Laboratory

DATE: March 7, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Transmitted herewith is the following material which was found in the desk in subject's residence at McLean Gardens, Washington, D. C., on the afternoon of March 5, 1949, during the course of a search of the subject's quarters conducted on the basis of a search warrant:

1. One box of Write carbon paper, size 8 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", manufactured by Write, Inc., Bridgeport, Connecticut, containing black light weight special use carbon paper.
2. Two sheets of writing paper, mottled in appearance.
3. Four sheets of typing paper.
4. Two half sheets of bond paper.
5. One abstract pad of 13 pages.

It is requested that Items 2 to 5 be compared with specimens received from the New York Office consisting of the documents taken from the subject at the time of her arrest in that city. It is requested further that if possible it be determined if the carbon paper submitted herewith may have been used in preparing the documents found in the subject's possession at the time of her arrest. The Laboratory is requested further to conduct any other examination which the Laboratory deems advisable and pertinent to this investigation.

It is suggested that the specimens submitted herewith be returned to this office on completing the examination.

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Director, FBI

JUDITH COPLAN;

VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV

ESPIONAGE - R.

Reurlet seventh instant submitting fingerprints subjects Judith Coplan and Valentine A. Gubitchev for comparison purposes, your file 65-14959.

Inasmuch as all latent fingerprints developed in instant case have been eliminated, by comparison of the fingerprints of Coplan and Gubitchev in being made.

A search of the fingerprints of Coplan and Gubitchev through the main fingerprint files of the Bureau has failed to disclose a prior criminal record for either of these individuals. For your information Judith Coplan has been assigned FBI-157535A and Valentine A. Gubitchev has been assigned FBI-157540A.

cc: Washington Field

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 3-14-49 3:00 PM

## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: JUDITH COPLON;  
VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV  
ESPIONAGE - R.

Number: 65-58365-103 ✓

Specimens: Fingerprints of subject JUDITH COPLON and two sets fingerprints  
subject VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, submitted for comparison with the  
latents previously developed in the above case.

Examination requested by: SAC, New York

Date received: 3-14-49 amb

Date of reference communication: 3-7-49

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: GROUND

Evidence Noted by:

cc: Washington Field

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*been eliminated. 3-14 B.*  
*// Judith Coplon assigned FBI # 157539 A*  
*// Valentine A. Gubitchew FBI # 157540 A*  
*Dist 3-16*  
*and 3-21-49*  
*ABH*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : Attention: SECURITY DIVISION  
 SAC, New York  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 7, 1949

Enclosed herewith is one set of fingerprints of JUDITH COPLON and two sets of fingerprints of VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, all taken at the New York Office on March 4, 1949, after their arrest.

It is suggested that these fingerprints be used for comparison purposes in the examination of original documents taken from JUDITH COPLON on March 4, 1949 on the occasion of her arrest, which documents have already been forwarded to the Bureau. These are being forwarded directly to the Security Division of the Bureau as the Laboratory reports have not been received as yet and it is believed the Security Division can refer the Laboratory to the appropriate file numbers and documents for its requested examination.

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JUDITH COPLON, was  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. Scott Miller dated January 28, 1949, at New York City, in which numerous contacts of Coplon were listed as reflected by her address book. The Bureau's files contain information regarding a number of these persons as listed below:

Hannah Annes, Do. 9827

The name of a Mrs. Annes of Massachusetts is included on a list of members of the Morning Freiheit Association, Inc., for 1946 and 1947, which list was made available by Confidential Informant ND-426 on February 11, 1948.

Perry Mae Barnes, 501 23d Street, N. W., Di. 5513

(100-46808-166, enc. p.11)

The March, 1948, Washington, D. C. Telephone Directory does not list the telephone number Di. 5513 to anyone with the surname of Barnes. An inquiry of the Information Service of the Telephone Company revealed that no telephone number was listed to the address of 501 23d Street, N. W.

However, it is known through Confidential Informant [redacted] that on February 3, 1949, Judith Coplon indicated she had been in touch with Perry Mae on the previous evening and was to go to her house on the following day. This individual is probably Perry Mae Barnes. (Coplon logs)

Claude Beaulieu, 3679 Laval Avenue, Montreal, Canada

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There are no identifiable references to this individual in Bureau files.

Henry Becker, Alban Towers, Washington, D. C.

An inquiry of the Information Service of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company revealed that A. Harry Becker, telephone Woodley 2609, is listed as residing in the Alban Towers Apartment Building, 3700 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. The Washington City Directory lists A. Harry Becker as an attorney for the Federal Communications Commission.

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On August 7, 1942, the Bureau received a letter from the Federal Communications Commission regarding an individual who was conducting a weekly German-language radio program over Station WTRC of Elkhart, Indiana.

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The Bureau was advised by this letter that the Federal Communication Commission's investigative attorney working out of Chicago would be available in the event the Bureau desired his assistance. His name was given as A. Harry Becker, 110 South Dearborne Street, Chicago, Illinois. (100-115866-4)

On November 21, 1942, a Mr. A. Harry Becker, who was the regional attorney investigator of the Federal Communication Commission operating out of Chicago, Illinois, appeared at the Cleveland Office and requested information from the Bureau's files concerning numerous individuals. He was referred to the Seat of Government. (100-145890-3)

A highly confidential and reliable source advised on April 10, 1947, that Mary Jane Keeney called the Federal Communications Commission for Harriet Simons, who was not in her office but was in Harry Becker's office where Mary Jane reached her. (65-56402-1-1454)

Information obtained from ledger cards of the National Headquarters of the National Lawyers Guild by a highly confidential source disclosed that one A. Harry Becker, 1808 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., resigned from that organization on April 25, 1939. (100-7321-6 p.410)

There are also references in the Bureau's files concerning one Harry Becker, president of the Group Health Association of Washington, D. C. It is not believed that this individual is identical with the person named in Judith Coplon's address book.

Sarah Becker, 705 18th Street, N. W., Executive 4700, Extension 310

The telephonic number Executive 4700 is listed in the March, 1948, Washington D. C. Telephone Directory to the McReynolds Apartments, 705 18th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. This is identical with the address in Miss Coplon's address book.

A Sara Becker applied for a position in the Department of Justice on December 12, 1942, and was investigated by the Bureau as a Departmental Applicant. This individual was born April 29, 1911, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and attended the University of Wisconsin from September, 1928, to June, 1935, receiving a PhD degree. She was employed by the Wisconsin Citizens Welfare Committee as a clerk from June to July, 1936, and at the Wisconsin Historic Records Survey as assistant supervisor on a WPA project from July, 1936 to July, 1942. (77-26693-1, 4)

Confidential Informant [ ] has indicated that Judith Coplon is acquainted with Sarah and Sylvia Becker, Apartment 210, 705 18th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. It is to be noted that the Departmental Applicant case reflected that Sara Becker, in her Department of Justice application, set forth that she had a sister, Miss Sylvia Becker, who was a teacher in the Milwaukee public schools in 1942. In that connection, an investigation by the Milwaukee Office set forth that Milwaukee Confidential Informant [ ] advised on August 18, 1942, that Mary Leigh Phillips had been selling copies of the "Soviet Power" and at the same time had been working for the Russian War Relief. Josephine E. Nordstrand advised Miss Phillips to contact one Fred Brots in connection with German youths and Sylvia Becker and Morris Lazarus as Jewish contacts. (100-145150-19; 100-21601-103 p.35)

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Dr. Herman Bernstein, 5430 Connecticut Avenue, Wo. 5045

The Washington D. C. Telephone Directory for March, 1948, lists Dr. Herman F. Bernstein, dentist, as having his business address at 5430 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., telephone Wo. 5045, and residing at Sedgewick Gardens, telephone Emerson 0642. In an investigation regarding a Mrs. Lottie Reeves, suspected of having German sympathies, it was reported in 1941 that Dr. Herman Bernstein, of the same address as listed above, had corresponded with Mrs. Reeves. At that time the following information was developed regarding Dr. Bernstein:

The files of Stone's Mercantile Agency contained no information concerning him. Dr. Hertford of the District Dental Society stated that he was personally acquainted with Dr. Bernstein and that Bernstein had always impressed him as being quite an unassuming person who never commented upon the political situation and who had no interest in European politics. He stated that to his knowledge Bernstein was not a member of any political group and had never made any comments indicating un-American tendencies. A mail cover placed on Dr. Bernstein's address failed to reflect any significant material. (65-13141-11, 14, 17, 18X)

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A telephonic inquiry of the Information Service of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company reflected that a [ ] resided at [ ], Washington, D. C., telephone [ ]. In August, 1941, [ ] filed an application for a position as

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junior stenographer with the Department of Justice. She was born [redacted] Maryland, the daughter of [redacted] born in [redacted] deceased, born in Russia. She was married to [redacted] in August, 1941, shortly after her application for a position with the Department of Justice. This woman was still employed by the Department of Justice on September 12, 1947, on which date the Department of Justice submitted a Loyalty Form concerning her. There is no disloyalty information regarding her in the Bureau's files. (77-12412; 67-227798)

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David Bookstaver, 3363 B South Wakefield, Fairlington, Virginia

The March, 1948, Washington, D. C. Telephone Directory lists David R. Bookstaver at 3363 B South Wakefield, Fairlington, Virginia. He is listed as an attorney with offices at 1028 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., telephone Executive 5525. This individual, from 1929 to 1934, was employed as associate attorney by the law firm of Mitchell, Taylor, Tapron and Marsh, 20 Exchange Place, New York City. From 1934 to 1938 he practiced law in East Hampton, New York, and from 1938 to 1942, he was a partner in the firm of Stephens and Bookstaver in East Hampton, New York. In 1942 he was employed in the Transportation Services Section of the OPA, which position he maintained until March 10, 1945, the date of his application for a position with the Department of Justice in the Foreign Agents Registration Section. The Bureau's files fail to reflect any disloyalty data concerning him. (77-27863-1 thru 7; 62-64178-490)

Maurice Borst, 73 Warrington Crescent Haida Vale, London, W9.

There are no identifiable references to this individual in the Bureau's files.

Bea Braude, Paris, Dinard 29 Rue Casette

In addition to the information set forth in the referenced report concerning this individual, it is to be noted that she has been the subject of a Loyalty Investigation based upon her contacts with Mary Jane Keeney. She was employed by the Office of Strategic Services and the State Department in Washington, D. C., from September, 1943, until January 20, 1948, when she was assigned to Paris, France, as a research analyst in the Foreign Service Branch of the State Department. In addition to the contacts with Mary Jane Keeney, her name appeared, according to Confidential Informant [redacted] in a

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list of names of members of the Washington Book Shop in September, 1944, whose dues were delinquent. The Bureau has been advised by the chairman of the Loyalty Review Board of the U. S. Civil Service Commission that Bea Braude has been retained in her position as a research analyst of the Department of State. (121-1392)

Sonia Cohen, 3714 Woodley Road, N. W., Or. 4604

The address and telephone number as listed above have been verified by checking the March, 1948, Telephone Directory for Washington, D. C. There are no references in the Bureau files which can be definitely identified with this individual.

Mrs. Russell Cole, 851 South Windemere, Littleton, Colorado

There are no identifiable references to this individual in the Bureau's files.

Alfred Coplon, 17-01 Park Lane, South Que Gardens, Vi. 7-4117

In addition to the information set forth in the referenced report regarding this individual, the Bureau's files reflect that an individual named Alfred M. Coplon was among those who signed a joint postal telegram from New York and Philadelphia dated January 24, 1941, which was a protest concerning the Sam Darcy case at San Francisco, California. (61-6593-16X, p.17)

Ann Coplon, 547 Park Avenue, Albany, New York, Al 2-9425

The Albany Office, by letter dated February 3, 1949, stated that the City Directories of Albany from 1939 through 1948 reflect that this individual's name is Anne Coplon and she has resided at 547 Park Avenue, Albany, New York, at least since 1939. The Directory reflects she is presently employed as a stenographer for the New York State Executive Department of the Alcohol Beverage Commission, Albany, New York. She took a New York State Civil Service examination in July of 1944, which reflected she was born February 22, 1902, at New York City, and had resided in Albany for 42 years. There were no identifiable references to this individual in either the Albany or Bureau files. (65-58365-61)

Max Coplon, 6036 25th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin

A letter from the Milwaukee Office dated January 31, 1949, verified the above address through a check of the current Kenosha, Wisconsin, telephone directory. The name of Max Coplon was checked against the indices of the Milwaukee Office and the Bureau with negative results. (65-58365-52)

Ismere M. Croutsicos, 1461 Girard, N. W.

The Bureau files fail to reflect any identifiable information regarding the above individual.

Developex, P. O. Box 146, Madison Square Station, New York 9, New York

The Bureau's files fail to reflect any information concerning the above company.

Kim and Larry Ebb, 305 Idaho Avenue, N. W., Ov. 2552

The Bureau's files fail to reflect any additional information which is pertinent in addition to that set forth in the referenced report.

Fairmack Corporation, 3811 Porter Street, N. W.

The Bureau's files fail to reflect any information regarding this corporation.

Dr. Julius Fogel, 1726 M Street, N. W.

The March, 1948, Washington, D. C. Telephone Directory lists Dr. Julius Fogel's address as 1726 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and his residence as 2800 Woodley Road, N. W., Washington, D. C. His office telephone is Metro 4114 and his residence telephone number is De. 0768. There are no identifiable references regarding this individual in the Bureau's files.

Dorothy and Leslie Harrel, RAF Club, Squadron 128, Piccadilly, London W1

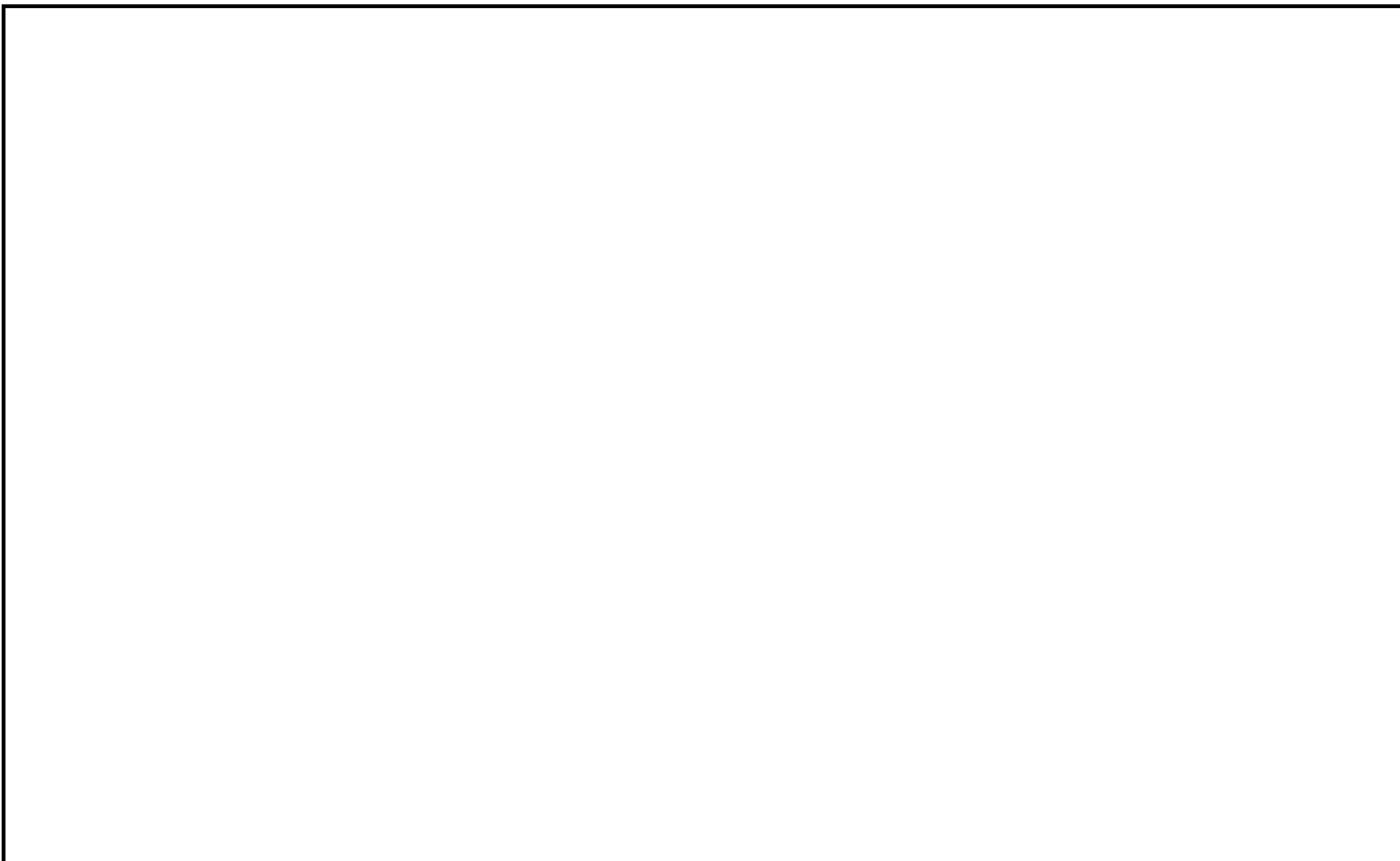
There are no identifiable references regarding these individuals in the Bureau's files.

Irene Hebard, 613 Pennsylvania Avenue, S. E., Tr. 1756

A telephonic inquiry of the Information Service of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company reflected that Irene and Josephine Hebard are listed as residing at 613 Pennsylvania Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C., telephone Tr. 1756, which address and telephone number are identical with those in Coplon's address book.

The Bureau's files reflect no additional information regarding these persons other than that set forth in the referenced report, with the exception that an Irene Hebard, 400 Riverside Drive, New York City, was the secretary of the Northern Valley Local of the American Federation of Teachers in 1945. (61-7546-292)

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A telephonic inquiry of the Information Service of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company reflected that there is no one by the name of [REDACTED] presently listed to the address at [REDACTED], Washington, D. C. On September 19, 1947, the Justice Department submitted a Personal History Statement concerning [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] who was born [REDACTED] at Boston, Massachusetts. Her parents are [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the former having been a practicing physician for a number of years. [REDACTED] attended Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, until June, 1935, at which time she received a BA degree. In the Fall of 1935 she entered the Boston University of Law, receiving an LLB degree in June, 1938. She was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar Association on November 9, 1938. She has been variously employed as a research attorney from July, 1938

until May, 1941, in Boston, Massachusetts. She was then employed by the Treasury Department as an attorney and subsequently worked as an attorney for the War Manpower Commission, the OPA, and the Department of Commerce. She was employed by the latter agency at the time of her Department of Justice application. In September, 1941, she was residing at [redacted] Washington, D. C. In her Personal History Statement she admitted membership in the Americans for Democratic Action but the Bureau investigation of her failed to reflect any other disloyal information. A letter to the Director from the U. S. Civil Service Commission dated November 21, 1947, enclosed a list of names and identities of persons of that Commission regarded as persons whose loyalty was questionable. Included on the list was the name of [redacted] Washington, D. C.

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Lenwin, Te. 3537

(62-17890-607 p.2531)

This individual is believed to be identical with Nathan Lenwin, who is presently employed by the Department of Justice and who, according to information received from Confidential Informant [redacted] is occupying the same room as Judith Coplon. (Coplon Logs)

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Marcia and Gil Lesser, 144-35 76th Avenue, Flushing, Bo. 3-4925

The Bureau's files fail to reflect any information regarding these persons in addition to that set forth in the referenced report.

Frank Lupman, 2061 East 33d Street, Brooklyn, Es. 6-3549

The Bureau's files fail to reflect any information identifiable with this individual.

Jessie MacKnight, 5308 Moreland Lane, Bethesda, Maryland

While the Bureau's files reflect that Jessie MacKenzie MacKnight has been investigated both as a Departmental Applicant and as a State Department Applicant, there is no information of a disloyal character regarding him in the Bureau's files. Confidential Informant [redacted] of the Washington Field Office has furnished information indicating that Coplon has been in contact with this individual on several occasions during the months of January and February, 1949. (77-11919; 123-346)

Dr. Alton and Lee Meister, 5804 Walnut Road, Bethesda, Maryland, Ol. 2329

The Information Service of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company advised that Dr. Alton Meister is listed at 5804 Wilmett Road, Bethesda, Maryland, telephone Oliver 2329. According to material obtained from the files of Walter Steele of the "National Republic" magazine, Dr. A. Meister, 109-35 201st Street, Hollis, Long Island, was a member of Branch 198, German-American Federation, Jamaica, Queens County, New York.

According to a communication dated December 16, 1948, received from the State Department, there is a group of teachers in the High School of Science, New York City, headed by the principal, Dr. Meister, of Russian extraction and Jewish origin who are pro-Soviet in their opinions concerning certain matters. (100-154292-2; 100-3-71-771)

There is no information concerning Lee Meister in the Bureau's files.

Helen Mesel, 160 Genesse Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, Van Hawkin 4-2350

There is no identifiable information in the Bureau's files concerning this individual.

Sig Moran, 401 East 2d Street, Brooklyn

There is no identifiable information concerning this individual in the Bureau's files.

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According to the Washington Telephone Directory for March, 1948, the above address is listed to [REDACTED]. This individual was investigated as a Departmental Applicant, having been born on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Connecticut. He received his MA degree at Yale University in 1944. He worked for Colts Patent Firearms Company in Connecticut from November, 1942, to February, 1943, and at the Hartford Ordnance War Department, New Haven, from March to November, 1943. He was employed by the Pratt Whitney Aircraft Company for approximately one year prior to his securing a position as a political analyst with the Justice Department on February 27, 1947. While attending school in the period from 1940 to 1942,

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he worked for the Connecticut Good Humor Company and the manager of this company advised that some of the employees thought that [ ] was a Communist but that in his opinion this was based on jealousy and ignorance because of [ ] superior education.

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Information has been received from Confidential Informant [ ] of the Washington Field Office to the effect that [ ] is presently employed by the State Department, having left his position in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice during the year 1948. It is apparent from information supplied by the informant that Coplon and [ ] are very good friends.

(77-32278)

Flo Morse, 309 Avenue C, New York City, Or. 3-4426

There is no information in the Bureau's files concerning Flo Morse which can be identified with the above listed individual. There is no information concerning Joseph Morse, who is listed in the Manhattan Telephone Directory at the same address, in addition to that set forth in the referenced report.

Louis Nemzer, 1569 42d Street, S. E., Vi. 9180

This individual has been investigated both as a Departmental Applicant and as an applicant for a position with the Central Intelligence Agency. These investigations reflected the following information:

Louis Nemzer was born August 15, 1913, at New York City. Both of his parents were Russian born. He attended Occidental College, Los Angeles, from 1931 to 1933, and the University of California from 1934 to 1937, receiving an MA degree. He furthered his studies at the University of Chicago from 1937 to 1939. He was employed by the Department of Justice as a political analyst from July, 1942, until April of 1947, and in his application for a position with CIA he stated that his assignment with the Department of Justice concerned, "problems arising from foreign political and propaganda activity in this country, particularly that conducted on behalf of Communist and East European foreign principals." He also stated that he has made a long study of Soviet propaganda. The investigation of Nemzer by the Bureau failed to reflect that he was a



Communist but did reflect he had a number of questionable contacts among pro-Russian sympathizers, including Henry Ware, Payton Dennis Carter, and Jessie Rubin. (118-590-17; 77-12099; 100-333625-169, p.34)

According to Mrs. Irma Kalman, who is presently employed by the Bureau as a translator, Nemzer was very friendly with Judith Coplon while in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice. Mrs. Kalman, who was formerly employed in that Section, stated that she suspected that Nemzer had Communist sympathies but could base this only on the fact that Nemzer had supported Tito as opposed to General Mikhailovich during World War II. Mrs. Kalman stated she believed Nemzer was presently employed at some university, which she thinks is in Ohio.

Philip Pavia, 53 West 8th Street, New York City, Gr. 5-5864

The Bureau's files fail to reflect any identifiable information concerning this individual.

Dr. Harold Peppard, 104 East 40th Street, New York City, Murray Hill 3-2247

In addition to the information set forth in the referenced report, the Bureau's files reflect that Dr. Harold M. Peppard is the author of the book "Sight Without Glasses." The Bureau's files also reflect that in January, 1940, a Dr. H. M. Peppard had an account at the Chase National Bank in New York City.

(100-193637-32, 34; 65-7267-260)

Phelps Bags, 17 East 48th Street, Murray Hill 8-1722

There is no information in the Bureau's files which can be identified with this Company.

Morton Pomeranz, 1633 51st Street, Brooklyn 4, New York

There is no information in the Bureau's files which can be identified with this individual in addition to that set forth in the referenced report.

Minnie and Mort Raff, 559 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut

Mrs. Martin Raff, nee Gore, 559 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut, was interviewed concerning Marcelle D. Elinson, who was being investigated.

under the Loyalty Program as an employee of the State Department. Mrs. Raff stated that before she came to New Haven with her husband she was employed in the Financial Policy Division of the State Department, having her office at 1818 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Mrs. Raff stated she had been a member of the State Department Branch, Local No. 3, of the United Public Workers of America, CIO, and had been active while a member in a caucus which was attempting to oust that part of the Union leadership which was considered to be following the Communist Party line. Mrs. Raff's information regarding her membership in the right-wing group of this Union is verified by newspaper articles in March, 1947, regarding the right-wing slate of Local No. 3 of the United Public Workers of America. This publicity lists Marion Gore as being in the right-wing element. (121-1429-13; 100-344835-205).

A confidential trash cover maintained at the National Headquarters of the Workers Party, 14 West 14th Street, New York City, reflected that a Martin Raff, 441 11th Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., former address 117 C Street, S. E., Washington, D. C., was a subscriber to the "Labor Action" and the "New International." (100-86590-274)

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A telephonic inquiry of the Information Service of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company reflected that [REDACTED] was listed to the address at [REDACTED] Washington, D. C., telephone Wo. 7400.

On September 8, 1947, the Department of Labor submitted to the Bureau a request for a loyalty file check on [REDACTED] of the same address, who was born [REDACTED] New Jersey. She had been employed in 1941, by the Ross Federal Research Corporation, 18 East 48th Street, New York City, and in 1942 by Daniel Starch, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City. From 1943 to 1944, she was employed by the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. She then worked for the National War Labor Board, Washington, D. C., until 1945. She obtained employment at the Labor Department in 1946. Confidential Informant [REDACTED] has reflected she has been in contact with Judith Coplon recently. (121-4-61722)

Reid Hall, 4 Rue de Chevreuse, Paris (Miss Dorothy E. Peet)

There is no information concerning Reid Hall in the Bureau's files, nor is there any information which can be identified with Miss Dorothy E. Peet.

Lorraine Realander, Route No. 3, Box II, 49 Yakima, Washington

There are no identifiable references to this individual in the Bureau's files.

Dora Sander, 4206 Kaywood Drive, Maryland, Un. 0280

The address of this individual was verified by the Washington, D. C. Telephone Directory, which lists the address as being in Mt. Rainier, Maryland. The Directory lists Dora Sanders of the same address as the editor of the Bureau of National Affairs. Information has been furnished to the Bureau by the Immigration and Naturalization Service concerning a Miss Dora Sander who in March, 1944, gave her address as 642 Keefer Place, N. W., Washington, D. C. She had been born April 16, 1919, at Stuttgart, Germany, and was at that time employed as the news editor for the U. S. News Association, 2201 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. As of March 27, 1944, she was making application for a reentry permit and stated she had originally entered the United States from England in 1939.

A list of delegates to the National Citizenship Institute held in Washington, D. C., in February, 1940, lists a Dora Sander, 105 College Hill Road, Cambridge, Massachusetts, who was designated as a member of the American Students Union.

Dora Sander, with an address of 2201 N Street, N. W., was listed as a member of the Washington Book Shop Association, having joined that organization on July 12, 1945, according to a highly confidential and reliable source. (40-53289-2; 100-3587-329 p.336; 100-24699-204, p.50)

Andre Schindler, Hotel Recomier, Paris, France

There are no identifiable references to this individual in the Bureau's files.

Arthur J. Seidman, 1820 Avenue N, Brooklyn, New York

Arthur Seidman, 108 Coombs Avenue, Woodmere, Long Island, born April 6, 1893, was a sponsor of Charles Farchi on his visa application dated April 23, 1942. Seidman was listed as having entered this country in 1900 and was a textile broker in the firm of Heinman and Seidman, at which time the visa application was filed with the State Department.

(40-32365)

Shirley Seims (Shirley and Sid Seims - or possibly Sanins)  
188 45th, 71 Crescent, Flushing, New York

There is no information which can be identified with any of the above names from a review of the Bureau's files.

Harold Shapiro, 2019 O Street, N. W., Do. 5460

This individual is presently employed by the Department of Justice, is the current boyfriend of Judith Coplon, and information regarding him is available to both the New York and Washington Field Offices.

[redacted]  
The March, 1948, Washington, D. C. Telephone Directory lists [redacted] telephone No. 6335. On September 9, 1947, a Loyalty Form, submitted by the National Archives, Washington, D. C., was received on [redacted] of the same address. This individual was born [redacted] Pennsylvania. He was married to [redacted] at Washington, D. C. (no date given) who was born [redacted]

From January to May, 1940, [redacted] was employed by the Civilian Conservation Corps, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, following which he obtained employment at the North Warren State Hospital, North Warren, Pennsylvania. In June, 1941, he was employed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and at Washington, D. C., until December, 1942, at which time he secured a position as a film inspector at the National Archives.

(121-4-3031) There are no other references appearing in the Bureau's files which can be identified with the above listed individuals.

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The Bureau's files do not contain any information regarding this individual other than that which appeared in the referenced report.

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The current Washington, D. C. Telephone Directory lists [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at the above address. On September 11, 1947, the U. S. Patent Office submitted a Personal History Statement on [REDACTED]. He was born [REDACTED] New York. This Statement sets forth that from June, 1941 until September, 1943, [REDACTED] was employed by the Curtiss-Wright Airplane Company, Buffalo, New York. He then worked for the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, New York, until November, 1943, at which time he entered the U. S. Navy. Following his discharge from the Navy in August, 1946, he was employed by Army Intelligence G-2, 67 Broad Street, New York City, until February, 1947. In May, 1947, he was employed by the U. S. Patent Office. From September, 1937 to June, 1941, he resided at [REDACTED] New York, and then moved to [REDACTED] New York, where he resided until his entry into the U. S. Navy.

As of September 11, 1947, [REDACTED] was not married. In the Personal History Statement he said he was active in the American Veterans Committee and it is to be noted that an article in the San Francisco "Chronicle," dated January 5, 1946, lists [REDACTED] as the elected Sergeant at Arms of the American Veterans Committee in an election which was held on January 4, 1946. (121-4-51064; 100-339008-12, 108 p.17)

[REDACTED]

The March, 1948, Washington, D. C. Telephone Directory lists a [REDACTED] as residing at [REDACTED] Washington, D. C. On May 7, 1942, the Office of the Coordinator of Information submitted a Personal History Statement for [REDACTED] Washington, D. C. She was born [REDACTED] Washington, D. C. Her father's name is [REDACTED] who is employed as a special clerk by the Post Office, Washington, D. C. She received a Bachelor of Music Degree at the University of Michigan in June of 1940. She was employed by the Kitt Music Company,

1330 G Street, Washington, D. C., as a piano teacher from February to October, 1941, and by the Music Division of the National Broadcasting Studio, Washington, D. C., for approximately eight weeks thereafter. She was employed by the Division of Special Information, Library of Congress, in March, 1942.

Fritz Balzer, the former supervisor of [redacted] at the National Broadcasting Company, stated he had the impression that she had radical tendencies but could furnish no information to bolster his statement.

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Mrs. Rowena LaCoste Adamson, York Apartments, Washington, D. C., advised that she was certain [redacted] had associated with a group of radicals while at the University of Michigan but she believed [redacted] had since discontinued these associations.

A highly confidential and reliable source advised that Edward Groff Conklin, investigated as a Communist, had in his possession on December 10 and 11, 1947, among other items, a torn slip of paper addressed to him stating, "This is to introduce [redacted] who is researching on the m/c N book. She is OK in her field - and maybe sooner or later something might develop with five Pepper or Kilgore since she is working in the L. of Cong. I thought you ought to meet her and talk with her once in a while. See you soon. Ben." It was set forth that the "Ben" might be identical with Ben Shahn, Roosevelt, New Jersey.

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She then secured a position with the Library of Congress, which she maintained until May, 1943, at which time she went with the FSA, remaining until June, 1944. From June, 1944, to December, 1945, she was employed by the War Manpower Commission, at which time she returned to the FSA.

(77-24371-1,3;

100-4381-57 p. 10: 121-4110806)  
Sadie and Dave Steiner, 284 Van Nostrand Avenue, Jersey City 5

There is no identifiable information in the Bureau's files concerning this individual.

Anna Sylvan (Kathie and Martha), 2950 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn,  
New York, Gl. 6-4367

ANNA There is no information in the Bureau's files which can be identified with the above individual; however, it is believed that the last name is Wolin, not Sylvan, and it is believed that the listing of the last name apparently occurred through an error by the New York Field Office in setting forth the original information to the Bureau in the teletype of January 21, 1949.

[Redacted]

The Bureau's files fail to reflect any information which is pertinent other than that set forth in the referenced report.

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Textile Weaving Company, 811 13th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

There are no identifiable references to this company in the Bureau's files.

Erika Thimey, 2012 P Street, N. W., Ho. 7991

The current Washington, D. C. Telephone Directory lists Erika Thimey at 2012 P Street, N. W., telephone Ho. 7991.

In January, 1942, Antonio DeGrassi of the Visa Division of the State Department telephonically advised that Erika Thimey, a dancing instructor at the King-Smith School located at 1761 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., had Nazi sympathies. An investigation based upon these allegations reflected that she had been born on March 12, 1910, in Germany, and was highly regarded by a number of people who stated she had no pro-German sympathies.

On December 30, 1944, Erika Thimey filed an application for a permanent visa on which to remain in the United States. In this visa she advised she originally entered the United States in November, 1936. This application was given a favorable recommendation on June 29, 1945.

(100-70962; 40-71324)

S. A. Weinstock, 1862 East 14th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11219

There are no identifiable references to this individual in the Bureau's files.

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There are no identifiable references regarding this individual in addition to the information set forth in the referenced report. Referral/Consult

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Mimi and Buddy Zwick, 675 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York

There are no references in the Bureau's files which can be identified with the above individuals.

Rose and Henry Zwick, 1205 Avenue R, Brooklyn, New York, De. 9-4066

There are no references appearing in the Bureau's files which can be identified with the above individuals.

The New York and Washington Field Offices should conduct the appropriate investigation to identify those persons residing within their territory who have not been identified in either the referenced report or in the information appearing in this memorandum. As you were previously instructed, this matter should be given expeditious attention.

New York



cc Mr. Walsh

65-58365

SAC, New York

February 21, 1949

Director, FBI

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RE: ALLEN G. LEE, was.  
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Reference is made to the letter of the New York Office dated January 29, 1949, in which a request was made for any pertinent information contained in the Bureau's files regarding Robert Martin Wohlforth other than that available to the New York Office.

The Bureau's files fail to reflect any substantial information not available to you. Your attention is directed to New York file 65-7232 entitled "Robert Martin Wohlforth, Information Concerning" which contains information not incorporated in its entirety in the loyalty reports. Your attention is also directed to the memorandum of the Washington Field Office dated February 17, 1949, which suggests you interview Mr. W. Van Allen unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau. This interview should be conducted and it is probable that Mr. Van Allen will furnish you information concerning Wohlforth as well as Corliss. You should be particularly alert during the conduct of the Corliss investigation to report any information which you may develop which would have a bearing on the loyalty of Wohlforth.

cc - Washington Field Office

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. REMYTEL MARCH ONE, SETTING OUT RESULTS OF  
INTERVIEW WITH VAN ALLEN. REVIEW OF EMPLOYEES ECONOMIC WARFARE  
SECTION, NYC, INDICATES FIVE FEMALE EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED THERE, WHO  
WERE MEMBERS OF BARNARD COLLEGE GRADUATING CLASS, JUNE FORTYTHREE.  
THESE EMPLOYEES WERE JUDITH COPLON, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
ALL FIVE OF THESE GIRLS WERE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT  
BY ROBERT WOHLFORTH. EXAMINATION MADE OF PERSONNEL FILES MAINTAINED  
BY ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION ON COPLON, [REDACTED]  
NO ADDL INFORMATION OBTAINED RE COPLON WHICH IS NOT ALREADY IN  
POSSESSION OF BUREAU. WITH REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] ONLY ADDL IN-  
FORMATION OBTAINED FROM FILE WAS THAT SHE APPLIED FOR A POSITION WITH  
THE ANTITRUST DIVISION OF THE DEPT. AROUND APRIL FORTYEIGHT. MEMO  
IN [REDACTED] FILE DATED APRIL EIGHT, FORTYEIGHT, FROM GUY R. HILL,  
DEPT OF JUSTICE TO J. FRANCIS HAYDEN, DEPT OF JUSTICE, NYC, REFERS  
TO POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OF [REDACTED] FOR "ECONOMIC RESEARCH IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE INVESTMENT BANK CASE". HILL DISCOURAGED SUCH EMPLOYMENT

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OF [REDACTED] STATING THAT BECAUSE SHE HAD BEEN TRAINED IN LAW, IT b6  
WOULD BE INADVISABLE TO HIRE HER FOR A POSITION WHERE SHE WOULD BE b7C  
UNDER SUPERVISION OF AN ECONOMIST. THE RECORDS OF THE PLACEMENT  
SERVICE AT BARNARD COLLEGE REFLECT THAT AFTER LEAVING THE DEPT. OF  
JUSTICE, [REDACTED] WORKED FROM SEPTEMBER FORTYFOUR TO ABOUT AUGUST  
FORTYFIVE AS A REPORTER FOR THE NEWARK STAR LEDGER AND FROM SEPTEMBER,  
FORTYFIVE UNTIL FORTYEIGHT, SHE ATTENDED COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, NYC,  
GRADUATING WITH LL.B. DEGREE. [REDACTED] EXACT DATES OF EMPLOYMENT  
BY THE ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION WERE FROM JUNE TWELVE FORTYTHREE TO  
JULY FOURTEEN FORTYFOUR, WHEN SHE RESIGNED, GIVING AS HER REASON,  
THE DESIRE TO ENTER MORE LITERARY FIELDS. RELATIVE TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHO IS NOW [REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING  
HER WAS SUPPLIED BUREAU BY NY TEL DATED FEB. TWENTYFIVE. REVIEW OF  
HER PERSONNEL FILE, EWS, DISCLOSES IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION  
ALREADY SUPPLIED THAT SHE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE EWS FROM JUNE SIXTEEN  
FORTYTHREE TO APRIL FIFTEEN FORTYSIX WHEN HER EMPLOYMENT WAS TERMI-  
NATED DUE TO A REDUCTION IN FORCE. A LETTER IN HER FILE FROM ROBERT  
WOHLFORTH TO THE UNITED NATIONS, LAKE SUCCESS, NY, DATED SEPTEMBER  
ELEVEN FORTYSIX SETS FORTH A BRIEF HISTORY OF [REDACTED] EMPLOYMENT  
WITH THE EWS AND RECOMMENDS HER FOR AN UNNAMED POSITION WITH THE UN.  
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EXAMINATION OF FILE OF [ ] DISCLOSED THERE WAS NO COPY OF b6  
HER ORIGINAL APPLICATION CONTAINED IN IT AND VERY LITTLE BACKGROUND b7C  
INFORMATION. A BRIEF QUESTIONNAIRE IN HER FILE INDICATES SHE  
WAS BORN [ ] NY, FATHER [ ]

[ ] MOTHER [ ]

AND NOT A CITIZEN OF THE U.S., AS OF JUNE NINETEEN, NINETEEN FORTY  
THREE. SHE WAS EMPLOYED FROM JUNE FIVE FORTYTHREE TO APRIL FIFTEEN  
FORTYSIX WITH THE EWS. EXAMINATION OF PERSONNEL FILE ON [ ]  
WILL BE MADE TOMORROW. RECORDS OF BARNARD COLLEGE INDICATE [ ]  
MAIDEN NAME TO BE [ ] BORN JUNE [ ]

[ ] HER PARENTS WERE [ ] WFO REQUESTED  
TO CHECK WITH CIVIL SERVICE AND POSSIBLY DEPT. OF JUSTICE, WASHING-  
TON, FOR ADDL BACKGROUND INFO ON [ ] AND COPLON IF SAME CAN BE  
DONE DISCREETLY. RESULTS OF FURTHER PERSONNEL FILE REVIEW WILL BE  
FURNISHED TOMORROW.

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TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field  
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 3, 1949

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Confidential Informants [redacted] of this office have advised that the subject, SARAH BECKER, presently employed by the American National Red Cross, Washington, D. C., and [redacted] employed in the International Functional Intelligence Division, Department of State, have been in contact with each other concerning an application which all three wish to file with the Civil Service Commission for positions with the Central Intelligence Agency.

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[redacted] the subject discussed the advisability of disclosing confidential information on an application form, and stated that she didn't want anyone in her office to see this application. She then stated that the only person that she would really want to go to would be "R. P. W.". It is noted that the informant may have misunderstood the middle initial and it is possible that COPLON was referring to ROBERT MARTIN WOHLFORTH. However, the possibility also exists that she was referring to a different individual.

According to this informant, on March 2, 1949, COPLON was contacted by a female (BECKER ?) who inquired about filling out an application blank and who was wondering how to reply to several questions as to past work experiences. COPLON advised this individual that she was going to New York over the weekend and would call her upon her return.

Later in the day, informant advised that [redacted] of the State Department advised COPLON, "I have given that thing to a guy to look over and he was glad to look it over". He further stated that he was waiting to get it back and that he would bring it over Friday, to which COPLON replied that she was leaving at 1:00 P. M. Friday for New York and returning early Sunday. [redacted] then said that if this "guy" drafted it he could type it in. COPLON then informed him that it had to be in the 15th.

Today, informant advised that COPLON indicated that she wished to leave Washington at 1:00 P. M. because she desired to get to New York early as she wanted "to pick up something downtown", explaining that downtown meant around 42nd Street.

It therefore appears likely that the subject intends seeing WOHLFORTH in connection with these applications while in New York over this weekend.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 3, 1949

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Rebulet February 2, 1949, requesting the Washington Field Office to interview Miss THOMAS, secretary to Mr. PEYTON FORD and Mr. RONALD MacDONALD, Solicitor Generals Office.

Miss THOMAS, upon interview, could furnish no information concerning COPLON additional to that set out in referenced Bureau letter. She stated that inasmuch as she had left the Foreign Agents Registration Section in March, 1946, she had not had an opportunity to learn much about the subject. She stated that a Mrs. IRENE LONGLEY had replaced her in this section and she thought that the latter could furnish more information concerning COPLON. It is therefore requested that the Bureau authorize the Washington Field Office to interview Mrs. LONGLEY.

Mr. RONALD MacDONALD advised that he had been in the Polish Section of the Foreign Agents Registration Section from May, 1942 until January, 1946. He stated that although he had been acquainted with COPLON, he could furnish no information concerning her activities other than that she was, during 1945, taking courses in photography and Russian at American University. He further advised that he was aware of the fact that she had taken a pleasure trip to Europe in 1948, having flown to Paris and from there traveled to Italy, apparently on some sort of a tour. He stated that he had never heard any rumors of disloyalty or questionable activities on the part of the subject and stated that he was not in a position to have known much about the subject, having never supervised her work.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP.-R. REBULET JAN. NINETEEN LAST. [REDACTED] b6  
FORMERLY OF [REDACTED] NYC, IS NOW MARRIED, HAS b7C  
ONE CHILD, LESS THAN A YEAR OLD AND IS BELIEVED TO BE RESIDING IN  
MEXICO. MAIL COVER ON PARENTS N.Y. ADDRESS REFLECTS MAIL ADDRESSED  
TO [REDACTED] AND PREVIOUS LETTER TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BORE RETURN ADDRESS OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MEXICO. EXAMINATION OF NY FILES INDICATES [REDACTED]  
PROBABLY MARRIED TO [REDACTED] WHO  
WAS VERY FRIENDLY WITH JOSE ANTONIO ARZE, BOLIVIAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY  
LEADER AND VINCENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO, MEXICAN LABOR LEADER. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MADE FREQUENT TRIPS TO NYC AND GAVE ADDRESS HERE AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] KNEW ARZE IN N.Y. IN NINETEEN  
FORTYFOUR AND AT ONE TIME SPOKE TO ARZE ABOUT [REDACTED] INDICATING  
SHE ALSO KNEW [REDACTED] WAS BELIEVED TO BE  
THE HUSBAND OF [REDACTED] FILES ALSO  
CONTAIN REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] WHO KNEW ARZE AND WHO IS  
PROBABLY RELATED TO [REDACTED] INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DETERMINE  
EXACT NAME OF [REDACTED] HUSBAND AND ANY PRESENT ACTIVITIES

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. REMYTEL MAR. TWO SETTING OUT RESULTS OF REVIEW OF SOME OF THE PERSONNEL FILES OF COPLON-S FELLOW EMPLOYEES, ECONOMIC WAR SECTION. FILE OF [REDACTED] SHOWS SHE ENTERED ON DUTY AS RESEARCH ASSISTANT JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, FORTY THREE. SHE RESIDED [REDACTED] NYC. GRADUATE BARNARD COLLEGE JUNE, FORTYTHREE. ON EDITORIAL BOARD OF BARNARD BULLETIN AS WAS COPLON. RESIGNED IN NOV., FORTYTHREE AND WENT TO CAL. WHERE SHE IS EMPLOYED AS REPORTER FOR "HAYWARD REVIEW", HAYWARD, CAL., AS OF FEB. TWENTYTWO, FORTYFOUR. FILE HAS PERSONAL LETTER FROM [REDACTED] TO ROBERT WOHLFORTH STATING IN EFFECT THAT THERE WERE PRACTICALLY NO LIBERAL PAPERS ON THE COAST BUT THAT THEY DID MANAGE TO GET "P.M." NO APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT IN [REDACTED] FILE. FILE OF [REDACTED] REFLECTS THAT SHE ENTERED ON DUTY AS A JUNIOR STENOGRAPHER SEPT. FOURTEEN, FORTYTWO WITH THE ANTI-TRUST DIVISION. HER APPLICATION REFLECTS THAT IN FORTYTWO SHE RESIDED [REDACTED] BRONX, NY. SHE WAS BORN [REDACTED] 1949

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[REDACTED] AT NYC. AT THAT TIME SHE HAD A SIS-<sup>b6</sup>  
TER, [REDACTED] EMPLOYED AT THE ORDNANCE DIVISION OF THE WAR <sup>b7C</sup>  
DEPT. [REDACTED] GRADUATED FROM HUNTER COLLEGE, FORTYONE. HER MOTHER-S  
NAME WAS [REDACTED] FATHER NOT GIVEN IN APPLICATION. FILE  
INDICATES THAT AT ONE TIME WHILE WORKING FOR ANTI-TRUST DIVISION,  
SHE WORKED WITH NORMAN BURLER AND ALEXANDER SACHS. ON FEB. TWENTY  
NINE, FORTYFOUR [REDACTED] WAS TRANSFERRED TO ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION.  
VAN ALLEN HAD ADVISED THAT WHEN [REDACTED] FIRST CAME TO HIS OFFICE,  
SHE APPEARED TO BE A VERY RELIGIOUS GIRL OF CATHOLIC FAITH BUT AFTER  
A PERIOD OF TIME SHE SEEMED TO BERY FRIENDLY WITH COPLON, [REDACTED] AND  
[REDACTED] AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, VAN ALLEN STATED THAT COPLON-S CLOSEST  
ASSOCIATES, WHO IN HIS OPINION SHARED HER POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY, WERE  
[REDACTED] VAN ALLEN STATED THAT  
AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, THE REMAINDER OF THE FEMALE EMPLOYEES  
IN THE OFFICE WERE ALL RIGHT. THE FILE OF [REDACTED] WHOSE NAME  
APPEARED IN COPLON-S ADDRESS BOOK, REFLECTED THAT SHE WAS EMPLOYED  
AS A STENOGRAPHER BY THE EWS ON NOV. EIGHT, FORTYFOUR. SHE WAS RE-  
FERRED TO THE EWS BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. SHE WAS BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PA. AT THE TIME OF HER FILLING

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OUT A PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM, ON NOV. NINE, FORTYFOUR, SHE RESIDED AT [REDACTED] NYC. SHE GAVE HER FATHER AS [REDACTED] BORN IN MINN., AND HER MOTHER AS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BORN NY. SHE WAS SINGLE AT THE TIME. SHE WAS EDUCATED IN N.J., RECEIVING B.A. DEGREE IN THIRTYSIX FROM STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE AND M. A. IN FORTY. ATTENDED ECOLE NORMALE, AIX-EN-PROVENCE, FRANCE, THIRTYFOUR-THIRTYFIVE. SHE STATED THAT THE ONLY ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH SHE HAD BELONGED WAS A CREATIVE WRITING GROUP SPONSORED BY LAWRENCE CONRAD OF MONTCLAIR, N.J. SHE MADE THE STATEMENT THAT SHE WAS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND WANTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ECONOMICS. FILE OF SARAH ~~BECKER~~, WHO ALSO APPEARED IN COPLON-S ADDRESS BOOK, INDICATED THAT SHE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE EWS FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. IN MAY, FORTYTHREE. HER RESIDENCE IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO COMING TO NY WAS THREE ZERO SEVEN DECATUR ST., NW, WASHINGTON, D.C. HER TRANSFER TO NY BECAME EFFECTIVE SEPT. FOURTEEN, FORTYTHREE WHILE SHE WAS CLASSIFIED AS AN EXPERT. SHE WAS PROMOTED FROM EXPERT TO ECONOMIST NOV. TWENTYNINE, FORTYFOUR. IN MAY, FORTYFIVE BECKER WAS TRYING TO GET TRANSFERRED TO THE ANTI-TRUST DIVISION, WASHINGTON, D.C. A REVIEW WILL BE MADE

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OF THE REMAINING PERSONNEL FILES OF SIMILAR EMPLOYEES OF EWS BUT WILL  
BE REPORTED TO THE BUREAU IN REPORT FORM IN THE ABSENCE OF INFORMA-  
TION WHICH WOULD DEFINITELY INDICATE A PERSON IDENTICAL WITH ~~ZORA~~.  
INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY NY TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY OF  
THESE GIRLS HAD A STEPFATHER IN THE LATTER PART OF FORTYFOUR.

WFO REQUESTED TO EXAMINE CIVIL SERVICE RECORDS AND DEPARTMENTAL FILES,  
 AND BECKER FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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TO : H. B. Fletcher *WLF*  
 FROM : L. Whitson *WLF*  
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DATE: March 4, 1949

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In accordance with your request at 10:30 A.M. Special Agent R. J. Lamphere orally briefed Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department on some of the pertinent facts in this case inasmuch as he is to handle the developments in New York City and the interrogation of Coplon and Gubitchev before the Federal Grand Jury in New York City. *Whitson*

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This is for your information. *RJL*

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. DURING THE QUESTIONING OF SUBJECTS GUBITCHEV AND COPLON, ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO SECURE WRITTEN CONSENTS TO SEARCH COPLON-S APARTMENT IN WASHINGTON AND HOME OF HER PARENTS IN BROOKLYN AND GUBITCHEV-S RESIDENCE IN NYC. THEY REFUSED TO GIVE SUCH CONSENT. MR. WHEARTY IS OF OPINION THAT INSUFFICIENT BASIS EXISTS TO SECURE SEARCH WARRANTS FOR RESIDENCE OF CAPLON-S PARENTS OR FOR GUBITCHEV-S RESIDENCE BUT THAT SUFFICIENT BASIS EXISTS TO SECURE SEARCH WARRANT FOR COPLON-S APARTMENT IN WASHINGTON. INASMUCH AS SUBJECTS WOULD NOT FURNISH ANY INFORMATION WITH EXCEPTION OF PARTIAL INFORMATION ON THEIR BACKGROUNDS, AGENTS CEASED INTERVIEWING COPLON AT TWO TWENTYFIVE A.M. AND GUBITCHEV AT TWO THIRTYFIVE A. M. ON SUGGESTION OF MR. WHEARTY IN VIEW OF DIFFICULTY BEING EXPERIENCED IN ARRANGING IMMEDIATE ARRAIGNMENTS APPARENTLY DESIRED BY STATE DEPARTMENT. THIS WAS AGREEABLE TO THIS OFFICE AS SUBJECTS WERE NOT FURNISHING INFORMATION OF VALUE. ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ARRAIGNMENT WERE MADE BETWEEN MR. WHEARTY AND PEYTON FORD OF DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING CONTACT BY FORD WITH JUDGE SIMON RIFKIND REQUESTING HIM TO COME TO U. S. COURT HOUSE TO HANDLE ARRAIGNMENT. AT FOUR FORTYFIVE A. M. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE BROUGHT BEFORE JUDGE RIFKIND

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IN HIS CHAMBERS. WHILE SUBJECTS WERE PROCEEDING TO JUDGE RIFKIND'S  
3 CHAMBERS MR. WHEARTY SERVED EACH OF THEM WITH A GRAND JURY SUBPOENA  
CALLING FOR THEIR APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SPECIAL GRAND JURY NOW SITTING  
IN NYC, TO APPEAR MONDAY, MARCH SEVENTH. LATER DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE,  
HOWEVER, THAT WHEARTY DOES NOT CONSIDER SERVICE OF THESE SUBPOENAS  
BY HIMSELF AS VALID AND HE HAS NOW INDICATED THAT THIS CASE MAY BE  
PRESENTED TO THE SPECIAL GRAND JURY STARTING MONDAY, MARCH  
SEVENTH, AT WHICH TIME AGENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE INVESTIGATION WILL  
BE CALLED AS WITNESSES. AT THE HEARING STARTING AT FOUR FORTYFIVE  
A. M. BEFORE JUDGE RIFKIND BOTH SUBJECTS WERE PUT ON NOTICE OF THEIR  
RIGHTS BY JUDGE RIFKIND AND WERE ASKED WHETHER THEY WERE REPRESENTED  
BY ATTORNEYS. AS NEITHER HAD AN ATTORNEY THE HEARING WAS ADJOURNED  
TO ENABLE THEM TO CALL ATTORNEYS AND THEY WERE LEFT IN CUSTODY OF THE  
FBI. SUBJECTS WERE THEN ALLOWED TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALLS TO ATTORNEYS.  
AT SIX FORTY A. M. SUBJECTS WERE AGAIN BROUGHT BEFORE JUDGE RIFKIND.  
COPLON WAS REPRESENTED BY LESTER LEVIN, ATTORNEY. GUBITCHEV STILL  
HAD NO ATTORNEY. JUDGE RIFKIND SET TEN THOUSND DOLLAR BAIL FOR  
COPLON FOR APPEARANCE AT AN ADDITIONAL HEARING AT ELEVEN A. M. TO  
ENABLE HER TO OBTAIN A MORE EXPERIENCED COUNSEL. NO BAIL WAS SET  
FOR GUBITCHEV AND HE WAS ALLOWED UNTIL ELEVEN A. M. TO SECURE CONSEL.  
IN LIEU OF BAIL BOTH COPLON AND GUBITCHEV REMAINED IN CUSTODY OF  
FBI. GUBITCHEV CONTACTED SOVIET DELEGATION OF U. N. AND ADVISED  
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OF HIS ARREST. AT EIGHT FOUR A. M. MR. OSCAR SCHACHTER, ATTORNEY FOR U. N., WAS ADMITTED TO TALK PRIVATELY TO GUBITCHEV WITH APPROVAL OF MR. WHEARTY. SCHACHTER THEN CALLED SOVIET DELEGATION OF U. N., WHO ADVISED HIM THAT THEY KNEW OF GUBITCHEV-S ARREST AND WOULD TAKE CARE OF HIM, ACCORDING TO SCHACHTER. [REDACTED] REFLECTING<sup>b7D</sup>

(U) THIS CALL ADVISED SCHACHTER TOLD THE SOVIET DELEGATION THAT GUBITCHEV PREFERRED A SOVIET ATTORNEY. ] SHORTLY AFTER EIGHT A. M. LEONID A. MOROZOV, FIRST SECRETARY TO RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVES AT U. N., AND HIS ASSISTANT, GEORGE CHUCHKOV, APPEARED AT NYO AND REQUESTED TO SPEAK TO GUBITCHEV. THEY WERE HANDLED BY MR. WHEARTY, WHO DECLINED TO LET THEM SEE GUBITCHEV UNLESS IT WAS TO ARRANGE FOR ATTORNEY. THERE WAS SOME DIFFICULTY REACHING AN UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE THESE INDIVIDUALS CLAIMED THEY DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. MR. THOMAS F. POWER, JR., DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, U. S. MISSION TO UNITED NATIONS, LIKEWISE CAME TO NY OFFICE MORNING OF MARCH FIFTH AND CONSULTED WITH WHEARTY AND SCHACHTER BUT DID NOT INTERVIEW GUBITCHEV. AT ELEVEN A. M. SUBJECTS WERE TAKEN TO ROOM THREE ONE EIGHT DISTRICT COURT OF JUDGE RIFKIND UPON ASCERTAINING THAT ATTORNEYS FOR SUBJECTS WERE NOT PRESENT, JUDGE RIFKIND RECESSED UNTIL ELEVEN THIRTYFIVE, AT WHICH TIME BERTRAM J. ADAMS APPEARED AS ATTORNEY FOR COPLON. NO COUNSEL APPEARED FOR GUBITCHEV, ALTHOUGH HE ADVISED RIFKIND THAT HE HAD EXPECTED COUNSEL. END OF PAGE THREE

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THE GOVERNMENT REQUESTED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL FOR COPLON AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL FOR GUBITCHEV WITH WHEARTY STRESSING THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE CHARGES AND THE POSSIBILITY OF FLIGHT ON THE PART OF GUBITCHEV. JUDGE RIFKIND SET BAIL AT TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR COPLON AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR GUBITCHEV, STIPULATING THAT WHEN GUBITCHEV OBTAINED COUNSEL HE COULD APPLY FOR REDUCTION IN BAIL IF ARGUMENTS WARRANTED. COPLON WAIVED EXAMINATION AND WAS REMANDED TO CUSTODY OF MARSHAL WITH INDICATIONS THAT POSSIBLY SHE MAY MAKE BOND MARCH SEVENTH. IN ABSENCE OF COUNSEL FOR GUBITCHEV, JUDGE HELD THAT GUBITCHEV DID NOT WAIVE EXAMINATION AND SET HEARING FOR MARCH SIXTEENTH. APPARENTLY ON POSSIBILITY THAT GUBITCHEV WOULD NOT OBTAIN COUNSEL, RIFKIND ALLOWED HIM THE PRIVILEGE OF WRITING UNCENSORED MAIL TO THE COURT. RIFKIND ADVISED GUBITCHEV THAT IF HE OBTAINED COUNSEL AND SO DESIRED HE COULD WAIVE EXAMINATION IN ADVANCE OF MARCH SIXTEENTH. MR. WHEARTY ADVISED HE HAD TOLD COPLON-S ATTORNEY THAT SHE WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED AND HER ATTORNEY SUGGESTED THAT HE TALK TO COPLON FOR A DAY OR TWO, INDICATING POSSIBILITY THAT COPLON MAY TALK. MR. WHEARTY WAS ADVISED THAT IF COPLON EXPRESSES DESIRE TO GIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING HER ACTIVITIES, WE EXPECT THAT AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE WILL INTERVIEW HER FOR THIS PURPOSE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT ONE FIFTEEN P. M. TODAY REPORTED THAT MRS. ~~SOLDATOV~~ CONFERRED WITH ~~PPOLITOV~~ AT THE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON STATING THAT ~~MALIK~~ HAD SEEN MR. ~~AUSTIN~~ OF THE U. N. AND PROTESTED TO HIM. AUSTIN IS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED THAT HE HAS NO AUTHORITY TO RELEASE GUBITCHEV BUT WILL CONTACT THE STATE DEPARTMENT AT ONCE. [REDACTED] (U)

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cc: Mr. Fletcher

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. CONCLUDED ITEMS ONE THROUGH FOURTEEN AND THIRTYFOUR  
PREPARED ON ROYAL ELITE TYPEWRITER LOCATED IN SUBJECTS OFFICE AT JUSTICE BUILDING.  
CONCLUDED ITEMS TWENTYFIVE THROUGH THIRTYTHREE WHICH ARE CARBON COPIES PREPARED ON  
ROYAL ELITE TYPEWRITER LOCATED IN ROOM TWO TWO ONE SIX - TWO DOORS FROM SUBJECT'S  
OFFICE. CONCLUDED ITEMS FIFTEEN THROUGH TWENTYFOUR AND THIRTYFIVE THROUGH THIRTY-  
EIGHT PREPARED ON CORONA PICA PORTABLE OBTAINED FROM SUBJECT'S APARTMENT.

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JULITH COPLOW, ESPIONAGE - R. CONCLUDED HANDWRITTEN NOTE TAKEN FROM SUBJECT'S  
PURSE IS IN SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING, USING WRITING IN DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL FILE  
AS KNOWN. ONLY LATENT FINGERPRINT DEVELOPED ELIMINATED AS AGENT'S. TYPE-  
WRITER COMPARISONS BEING MADE.

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 FROM : J. E. Milnes *JEM*  
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Time of call 1:20 A.M.

The Attorney General called for the Director and the call was referred to me. He said that he wanted to speak to the Director concerning this case and asked that I get in touch with the Director for him. I explained that the Director was out of town, but that we would try to contact him. *White*

I immediately notified Mr. Ladd and at his instruction I called Mr. Nichols and informed him of the above. At 1:50 a.m. Mr. Nichols informed me that they had not been able to reach the Director—that he was in transit and that I should so advise the Attorney General. I thereupon called the Attorney General and informed him that we had not been able to reach the Director. He said that he wanted to speak to the Director and get his views concerning the arraignment of the subjects tonight. He added however that he did not wish to hold up the proceedings until he spoke to the Director concerning this, instead he wanted matters to proceed. He also indicated that he would like to speak to the Director if he could be reached. I immediately informed Mr. Nichols of the above. *Red*

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP R. SUBJ COPLON ARRIVED AT PENN. STATION VIA PENN RAILROAD AT FIVE THIRTY FIVE PM, MARCH FOURTH. SHE PROCEEDED TO CHECK HER OVERNIGHT CASE IN LOCKER NUMBER ONE NAUGHT THREE FIVE IN LOWER LEVEL, PENN STATION. CONFIDENTIAL CHECK OF BAG NEGATIVE. SHE THEN WALKED THROUGH PENN STATION TO SEVENTH AVE. TURNING NORTH AND WALKING UP SEVENTH AVE. TO THIRTY SEVENTH ST. SHE THEN DOUBLED BACK TO A BAR AT FOUR NINE ONE SEVENTH AVE. SHE ENTERED THE BAR AND REMAINED THERE TEN MINUTES. SHE THEN LEFT THE BAR WALKING NORTH ON SEVENTH AVE. TO FORTY SECOND ST., WEST ON FORTY SECOND ST. TO EIGHTH AVE. AT SIX TEN PM BOARDED EIGHTH AVE. ~~SUBWAY~~ SUBWAY A TRAIN NORTHBOUND. AT SIX THIRTY FIVE PM SHE LEFT THE TRAIN AT ONE EIGHTY FIRST ST. STATION. UPON LEAVING THE TRAIN SHE PROCEEDED FOR A SHORT DISTANCE WITH OTHER PERSONS LEAVING THE STATION, THEN DOUBLED BACK AND WALKED OVER TO A DESERTED PORTION OF THE PLATFORM TO ANOTHER EXIT. SURVEILLANCE NECESSARILY DISCONTINUED AT THIS POINT. SURVEILLANCE AGAIN RESUMED AT APPROXIMATELY SIX FORTY EIGHT PM WITH COPLON WALKING NORTH ON BDWY. AT ONE EIGHTY SEVENTH ST. SHE ~~CONTINUED~~ CONTINUED NORTH TO ONE HUNDRED NINETY THIRD ST. WHERE SHE STOPPED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ONE NINETY THIRD AND BDWY. ARRIVING THERE AT SEVEN PM. SHE REMAINED IN THIS VICINITY, MOVING IN A LIMITED AREA UNTIL SEVEN TWENTY EIGHT PM WHEN SHE STARTED WALKING SOUTH ON BDWY.

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SUBJECT GUBICHEV NOTED LEAVING HIS UN OFFICE AT FOUR NAUGHT FIVE EAST FORTY SECOND ST. AT FOUR FIFTY PM ACCOMPANIED BY UNIDENTIFIED MAN. AT FIVE NAUGHT FIVE PM IT WAS NECESSARY TO DROP THE SURVEILLANCE DUE TO FACT HE WAS CHECKING FOR A SURVEILLANCE AND DUE TO RUSH ~~RE~~ HOUR CROWDS. AT SEVEN TWENTY THREE PM GUBICHEV SURVEILLED COMING OUT OF SUBWAY EXIT AT ONE NINETY FIRST ST. AND BDWY. HE PROCEEDED TO ONE NINETY THIRD ST. AND BDWY. ~~AX~~ TO A DRUG STORE ON THE NORTH EAST CORNER. AT THIS TIME, SEVEN TWENTY FIVE PM, COPLON WAS AT CIGAR STORE ON SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF SAME INTERSECTION. AT SEVEN TWENTY SEVEN PM GUBICHEV <sup>W</sup>ALKED DOWN BDWY. TO ONE NINETY SECOND ST. WHERE HE STOPPED AT BUS STOP AND ALLOWED SEVERAL BUSES TO GO BY. NO INDICATION THAT ~~THESE~~ THE TWO SUBJECTS SAW EACH OTHER UP TO THIS TIME. AT SEVEN TWENTY NINE PM COPLON LEFT CIGAR STORE AND WALKED SOUTH ON THE EAST ~~SIDE~~ SIDE OF BDWY. WHILE GUBICHEV REMAINED AT ONE NINETY SECOND ST. ON WEST SIDE OF BDWY. COPLON PROCEEDED TO ONE EIGHTY FIRST ST. WHERE SHE ENTERED BICKFORD-S RESTAURANT. AT SEVEN FORTY FIVE PM GUBICHEV TOOK A SOUTH BOUND BUS AT ONE NINETY SECOND ST. AND IMMEDIATELY DROPPED OFF AT ONE EIGHTY NINTH ST. AND STARTED WALKING SOUTH ON WEST SIDE OF BDWY. MEANWWHILE COPLON STARTED WALKING NORTH ON BDWY. AT SEVEN FIFTY ONE PM THEY MET BETWEEN ONE EIGHTY ~~RE~~ EIGHTH AND ONE EIGHTY SEVENTH STS. SHE CONTINUED WALKING ~~RE~~ PAST HIM. HE STOPPED BUT SHE BRUSHED ~~RE~~ PAST AND THREW HER HEAD

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BACK TOWARD HIM OVER HER SHOULDER. HE APPEARED SURPRISED THAT SHE DID NOT STOP. HE WAITED A MINUTE OR TWO AND THEN WENT AFTER HER WALKING NORTH. HE OVERTOOK HER JUST SOUTH OF ONE NINETIETH STREET. THEY WALKED TOGETHER FOR ABOUT FOUR STEPS AND THEN DREW APART. SHE SLOWED DOWN AND WENT TO THE INSIDE OF THE WALK WHILE HE SPEEDED UP AND WALKED NEXT TO THE CURB. GUBICHEV WALKED NORTH ON BDWY. TO NAGLE AVE. AND PROCEEDED A FEW BLOCKS THEN TURNED BACK TO BDWY. AND WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE CAUGHT A NORTH BOUND BUS ON BDWY. AT EIGHT NAUGHT EIGHT PM. SURVEILLANCE NO LONGER POSSIBLE AT THIS POINT. MEANWHILE COPLON HAD TURNED LEFT AT ONE NINETIETH ST. FOR A BLOCK THEN DOUBLED BACK TO BDWY. AND TOOK THE IRT SUBWAY TUNNEL TO ~~ONE~~ THE ONE NINETY FIRST ST. AND ST. NICHOLAS AVE. STOP. DURING BOTH OF ABOVE DESCRIBED MEETS BETWEEN THE TWO SUBJECTS ON BDWY. NOTHING WAS OBSERVED TO BE PASSED BETWEEN THEM. COPLON BOARDED A SOUTH BOUND IRT SUBWAY TRAIN WHICH SHE LEFT AT FORTY SECOND ST. AND SEVENTH AVE. SHE PROCEEDED UPSTAIRS WHERE SHE STOOD ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SEVENTH AVE. AND FORTY SECOND ST. ON SEVENTH<sup>H</sup> AVE. SHE STOOD THERE ABOUT THREE MINUTES AND THEN WALKED ONE BLOCK NORTH ON SEVENTH AVE. AND ~~REX~~ DOUBLED BACK AND TOOK HER ORIGINAL POSITION ON FORTY SECOND ST. ABOUT TEN MINUTES LATER OR AT EIGHT~~M~~ FORTY PM SHE STARTED WALKING WEST ON FORTY SECOND ST. TOWARD NINTH AVE. FOLLOWED BY GUBICHEV WHO CLOSELY CHECKED HER FOR A

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SURVEILLANCE. HE REMAINED BEHIND HER UNTIL THEY REACHED NINTH AVE. WHEN HE PASSED HER AND RAN FOR A SOUTH BOUND BUS ON NINTH AVE. AND SHE FOLLOWED HIM BOARDING THE SAME BUS. THROUGH THE BUS NUMBER OBTAINED BY SURVEILLING AGENT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO AGAIN PICK UP THE SURVEILLANCE AT TWENTY SECOND ST. AND NINTH AVE. GOING SOUTH. AT FOURTEENTH ST. BOTH SUBJECTS LEFT THE BUS AND WALKED EAST ON FOURTEENTH ST. FREQUENTLY LOOKING BEHIND THEM. AT EIGHTH AVE. THEY ENTERED THE BMT SUBWAY, CAN-ARSIE LINE. THEY WERE THE FIRST PERSONS TO ENTER THE EMPTY TRAIN. THE TRAIN REMAINED IN THE STATION FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES. THEY OCCUPIED TWO SEPARATE SEATS FACING IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS IN THE SUBWAY CAR. AT THE THIRD AVE. STOP THEY LEFT THE SUBWAY HURRIEDLY JUST BEFORE THE DOORS SHUT. THE SURVEILLANCE WAS AGAIN DISCONTINUED THROUGH NECESSITY. AT NINE THIRTY FOUR PM SUBJS AGAIN LOCATED AT FIFTEENTH ST. AND THIRD AVE. AND STILL CHECKING FOR POSSIBLE SURVEILLANCE. AT NINE THIRTY FIVE PM BUREAU AUTHORIZED APPREHENSION ~~EXX~~ OF SUBJECTS. SUBJECTS APPREHENDED AT NINE THIRTY SIX PM ON THIRD AVE. BETWEEN FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH STS. SUBJECTS IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT TO NEW YORK OFFICE WHERE THOROUGH SEARCH MADE OF BOTH SUBJECTS. TWO FEMALE BUREAU EMPLOYEES ASSISTED IN SEARCH OF COPLON. PRELIMINARY INSPECTION OF GUBICHEVS EFFECTS DOES NOT DISCLOSE ANY INFO WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN PASSED ON TO HIM BY COPLON. GUBICHEV REFUSED TO TALK AND HAS

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REQUESTED PERMISSION TO TELEPHONE THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE USSR DELEGATION TO THE UN. THIS REQUEST HAS BEEN TAKEN UP WITH MR. PEYTON FORD OF DEPT. BY MR. WHEARTY OF DEPT. GUBICHEV DENIES BEING WITH COPLON AND STATED HE HAD NEVER MET HER ~~BEFORE~~ PREVIOUSLY. HE WAS FOUND TO HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION A PLAIN WHITE ENVELOPE CONTAINING ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS IN AMERICAN CURRENCY WHICH HE ADVISES HE WAS GOING TO USE TO PURCHASE A STOVE. COPLON ALSO REFUSED TO TALK ALTHOUGH SHE IS BEGINING TO FURNISH SOME BACKGROUND INFO. BOTH SUBJS WERE FINGERPRINTED AND PHOTOGRAPHED. IN COPLONS PURSE WAS FOUND A SMALL FLAT PACKAGE RESEMBLING A WRAPPED UP PAIR OF HOSE. UPON EXAMINATION THIS WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN APPROXIMATELY THIRTY FOUR ABSTRACTS OF ~~THE~~ FBI REPORTS ON SECURITY MATTER AND ESPIONAGE CASES CHIEFLY IN THE RUSSIAN AND SATELLITE NATION FIELD. IN ADDDITION THERE WAS A HANDWRITTEN NOTE MARKED QUOTE BUREAU MEMO THREE THREE FORTY NINE UNQUOTE CONTAINING THE INFO ~~QUOTED~~ <sup>9</sup> QUOTE PLANTED UNQUOTE WITH COPLON RELATIVE TO NEEDLEMAN OF AMTORG AND RESTRICTED CLASSIFIED ATOMIC ENERGY INFO. IN ADDITION THIS ~~BEFORE~~ PACKAGE CONTAINED A THREE AND ONE HALF PAGE TYPEWRITTEN MEMO FURNISHING THE BACKGROUND ON INDIVIDUALS KNOWN TO COPLON WHO MAY BE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR APPROACH AS POSSIBLE AGENTS. IN THIS MEMO COPLON COMMENTED ON HER INABILITY TO SECURE A BUREAU SUMMARY ON ESPIONAGE AND INTELIGENCE ACTIVITIES ALTHOUGH SHE HAD BEEN ABLE TO READ THE SUMMARY. FURTHER

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SEARCH OF COPLONS EFFECTS WHILE NOT FULLY INSPECTED AS YET, DID NOT REFLECT PERTINENT INFO. SHE HAD IN HER POSSESSION FIFTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY SEVEN CENTS. ABOVE MATERIAL ALL MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION AND PHOTOGRAPHED. THIS MATERIAL BEING TRANSMITED TO THE BUREAU BY SPECIAL AGENTS PAYNE AND MENDENHALL OF WFO ALONG WITH ~~TWENTY~~ TWENTY FIVE COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF EACH SUBJECT. LAB EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS REQUESTED AS TO FINGERPRINTS, TYPEWRITING, AND HANDWRITING AS WELL AS ANALYSIS OF PAPER AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT OBSERVATIONS. FINGER-PRINT EXAMINATION SHOULD NOT MAR DOCUMENTS AS THEY ARE VITAL EVIDENCE. TYPEWRITING COMPARISONS SHOULD INCLUDE DEPT. OF JUSTICE TYPEWRITERS WHICH COPLON MAY HAVE USED AND ANY TYPEWRITERS IN HER HOME. IN EVENT ANY HANDWRITING OR TYPEWRITING NOT IDENTIFIABLE WITH COPLON STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ASCERTAIN AUTHOR. DOCUMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN HANDLED BY THIS OFFICE WITH EXCEPTION OF MUXX MINIMUM HANDLING BY SPECIAL AGENTS T. SCOTT MILLER AND BREWER WILSON SXX WHOSE FINGERPRINTS SHOULD BE ELIMINATED IF FOUND. FURTHER INFO WILL BE FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY TO BUREAU CONCERNING ARRAIGNMENT OF SUBJECTS. MR. WHEARTY ADVISES THAT DEPARTMENT CONTEMPLATES THAT SUBJECTS WILL BE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD THE U. S. AND ANY POSSIBLY APPLICABLE SECTION OF THE ESPIONAGE STATUTE. MR. WHEARTY ADVISED THAT HE WILL ATTEMPT TO HAVE BAIL FOR GUBICHEV SET AT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND FOR COPLON FROM TEN TO TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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cc Mr. Fletcher

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

DATE: March 5, 1949

FROM : R. C. Godfrey *RCG*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Time of call: 6:00 PM

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Mr. Whitson took a call from Mr. Delavigne, WFO, advising agents of WFO conducting search of subjects apartment advised located personal diary which contained following notations of possible interest:

- "1. ~~Petukin~~  
2. ~~Barnard~~ "

No other items of interest in diary. Delavigne wanted to know if Bureau desired WFO to secure additional search warrant to pick up diary.

Check of Bureau files on name "Petukin" reflected one reference 65-1673-125 which upon being checked indicated was phonetic spelling of name in conversation between Charles Recht and head of Artkino Pictures in NYC on 12-11-45. The phonetic spelling was apparently in error inasmuch as the name was written in ink as ~~X~~potemkin" indicating a correction by the supervisor. No other refs were available under this spelling or under the spelling "Petukhin".

I discussed this matter with Mr. Ladd at 6:42 PM at which time Mr. Ladd concluded would be not necessary to secure additional search warrant. Mr. Ladd also advised would be o.k. for WFO to remove their surveillance on the subject's apartment.

I called Mr. Delavigne so advising him of the Bureau's instructions.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd *DL*  
 FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 5, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On the afternoon of February 28, 1949, at 3:30 P.M., Mr. William Foley of the Department advised me that he had ascertained that Coplon was securing Bureau reports on individuals from Ruth Rossen who normally handles such matters. She excused her request by indicating that they referred to the Foreign Agents Registration material. At 3:00 P.M., March 4, 1949, Mr. Foley advised me that he had ascertained that Coplon had secured most recently a number of reports from Rossen. I determined through Mr. Clyde Palmer that Ruth Rossen is employed in the Criminal Division. Her address in the Department files is listed as 4513 Butterworth Place, N. W., telephone No. Ordway 0209.

ACTION:

She should be interviewed immediately. Mr. Peyton Ford has cleared the interview with this Department employee.

HBF:mac

ADDENDUM:

At 2:25 P. M. on March 5, 1949, Special Agent R. J. Lamphere called Special Agent Mendenhall of the Washington Field Office and instructed him to immediately thoroughly interview Ruth Rossen whose address is given above in order to determine if she has made available to Coplon Bureau reports of a confidential nature and to determine the details of any other requests made of her by Coplon. Agent Lamphere instructed that any other recommendations of the Washington Field Office for interviews with associates of Coplon should be telephonically requested.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd *DL*

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 5, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 1:15 P.M. pursuant to your authorization, Special Agent Tom Mendenhall of the Washington Field Office was instructed that interviews be conducted promptly with the following contacts of Judith Coplon:

Sarah Becker - Red Cross  
Harold Shapiro - Department of Justice  
[redacted] - Department of State  
[redacted] Department of Labor

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These interviews were to be conducted in the Washington Field Office if possible otherwise they should be interviewed where they could be located.

At 2:45 P.M. Mr. Mendenhall of the Washington Field Office requested authorization to interview Lenvin of the Department who had shared office space with Coplon. Pursuant to your approval, Washington Field was instructed to conduct an interview with Lenvin.

Washington Field has been requested to review the facts in this case carefully and make any further recommendations as to interviews which they deem desirable in this case.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd *DML*

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 5, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 12:05 P.M. ASAC Belmont of New York phoned and stated that he had just come from the hearing in Judge Simon Rifkind's court. Coplon was represented by counsel, name not yet determined, but it was not the individual who originally appeared in her behalf earlier this morning. *W. G. [unclear]*

Gubitchev was not represented by counsel and told the court he had been in touch with his delegation and had expected counsel to be present. *[unclear]*

The Government asked that Coplon's bail be set at \$50,000. Her attorney asked \$5,000. The Judge set it at \$20,000. Coplon waived examination.

The Government asked bail for Gubitchev in the amount of \$100,000. The Judge set bail at that figure granting Gubitchev the right to ask for a reduction after he had obtained counsel. Gubitchev was asked whether he waived examination. He advised the Judge that he did not know the law whereupon the Judge set a hearing on Gubitchev for March 16 with the proviso that if he secured counsel and counsel wishes to waive examination prior to that date he could do so.

At the suggestion of Mr. Whearty of the Department, the Judge ordered that Gubitchev could write to the court direct from prison without censorship regarding the possibility of the court appointing counsel for him but that otherwise his mail would be handled the same as any other prisoner's mail.

Both subjects were remanded to the custody of the Marshal.

Mr. Belmont stated that from conversation overheard in the courtroom on the part of Coplon's brother, Coplon's bail may be met by Monday. *RECORDED - III*

Mr. Belmont was instructed to confirm by teletype today all items of pertinence developed in this case which he had relayed to the Bureau telephonically or which he felt were significant that he had not furnished to the Bureau telephonically since his 2:50 A.M. teletype. *INDEXED* *65-58365-122* *11* *MAR 12 1949*

Mr. Belmont was also instructed to consider immediate interview of Robert Wohlforth in New York City as well as [redacted], also a contact of Coplon in New York City. Belmont stated that the twenty-seven men in the New York Office who knew anything about the case were almost exhausted but that if these interviews were immediately necessary they would, of course, be handled.

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You will recall that at approximately 1:15 P.M. you discussed this matter of interviews with Mr. Belmont and advised him that under the circumstances he could defer until his Agents were able to get some rest.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. *DM*

DATE: March 5, 1949

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 12:15 P.M. Field Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office phoned from the office of USA Fay and advised that Fay was drawing up affidavits in order to obtain a warrant of search of Coplon's apartment. These affidavits would be one from Delavigne that we had surveilled Coplon in Washington, D. C.; one from Dudley Payne regarding a physical surveillance to New York on March 4; one from an arresting Agent to be given orally by phone from New York City; one from a searching Agent who found the abstracts also to be given orally by phone from New York City.

Delavigne stated that they had located a maid at McLean Gardens who will testify that in cleaning Coplon's room last week she saw a typewriter.

Delavigne requested that New York be notified of the oral affidavits and that he be furnished the names of the Agents who would so testify.

After reporting the foregoing to you, Supervisor Whitson determined from New York that the Agent for the arrest affidavit would be Robert R. Granville and the Agent for the search would be T. Scott Miller, Jr. As you instructed, it was stressed that there be no details concerning the nature of the abstracts. Mr. Delavigne was advised of the names of the New York Agents and was instructed to read to you the affidavits which were contemplated.

Pursuant to your instructions after he had read the affidavits to you, Mr. Delavigne was instructed at 1:15 P.M. to have United States Attorney Morris Fay call Peyton Ford for instructions and Delavigne was again reminded that the affidavit concerning the abstracts contain no details other than a statement that they were abstracts of official government records pertaining to national security in the possession of the Department of Justice.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd *DL*

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 5, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Mr. Sizoo of the Laboratory advised at 10:15 A.M. that it had been determined that three different typewriters had been used in connection with the abstracts.

At 11:30 A.M. he advised that typewriter No. 1 was a Corona Pica portable. All abstracts prepared on this typewriter were originals.

Typewriter No. 2 was a Royal Elite. All abstracts prepared on this machine were carbon copies.

Typewriter No. 2 was an Underwood Elite (Remington formation). All of the items on this typewriter were originals.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

DATE: March 5, 1949

FROM : J. E. Milnes *JEM*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 12:50 A.M. while talking to Mr. Belmont in New York he said that they would send the documents found in possession of the subject to the Bureau via a Special Agent. He requested that an examination should be made to locate any latent fingerprints on the documents but the documents should not be disfigured in any way while conducting the examination. He said that they had only been handled by one Agent whose identity would be made known. He also requested that an examination be made to determine the identity of the typewriter used in typing the material. To this end a comparison should be made with known specimens taken from machines available to Coplon in the Department of Justice as well as her personally owned machine. I told Mr. Belmont that he should clear with Mr. Whearty before they sent the original documents to the Bureau.

In addition to the foregoing he requested that the documents that had been prepared in longhand should be compared with known specimens of her handwriting which could be secured from the Department of Justice or her home. In addition he requested that an attempt be made to identify the writer of any writings which did not appear to be that of Coplon. Mr. Belmont said that he would advise me when the Agent would depart from New York with the material and his estimated arrival time.

After talking to Mr. Belmont I called Mr. Harbo and explained the matter to him and indicated that it was desired that the above examinations be conducted and completed at the earliest time possible after their arrival here. I also talked to Mr. Sizoo who said that Supervisor Fred Webb would conduct the examinations and that he should be called in the morning, after information is received concerning the time the documents will arrive, and advised concerning the arrival time. Mr. Sizoo also requested that Mr. Blackburn inform him of the extent of the job after he has an opportunity to examine the material.

I also talked to you concerning this. You said that the Washington Field Office would arrange to get the specimens from the Department of Justice early in the morning and would make them available as soon as possible.

You requested that Mr. Webb determine, if possible, the type of machine used in typing the documents in question so the Washington Field Office would limit their search for specimens.

I learned from Mr. Belmont that Agents Payne and Mendenhall would leave New York on a plane at 7:10 A.M. and would arrive in Washington at 8:25 A.M. with the documents found in possession of Coplon.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : L. Whitson *LW*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 5, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
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Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 5:30 p.m. today, Supervisor Delavigne called and stated that the search of Coplon's apartment was completed, that they have located the Corona typewriter which was clearly covered in the warrant, but that they had also located some typewriter paper unwatermarked, of very cheap quality. *unwatermarked*

Inasmuch as Mr. Webb in the Bureau Laboratory had stated that some of the material had been typed on very cheap unwatermarked paper, Mr. Delavigne was instructed to go back to the United States Attorney and determine from him whether the warrant would cover the seizure of this paper. *Delavigne*

Mr. Delavigne was told to be guided by the opinion of the United States Attorney in this regard.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Fletcher *WFF*  
FROM : R. C. Godfrey *RCG*  
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 3-5-49

*W. H. Wilson*  
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At 8:20 PM, Mr. Joe Amshey, who said he was from Jack Neal's office in the State Department called advising he understood the Bureau planned to interview Miss Pauline Annis of his office in connection with the above entitled case.

Mr. Amshey said he was calling to offer any cooperation his office could furnish as to providing documents or other information. He said he wished to ascertain if Bureau had any objection to him or Ted Broecher of State Department sitting in on the interview to assist in providing collateral information which might arise or in other ways. I told him I would ascertain this information and call him back.

After consulting with Mr. Ladd, I called Mr. Amshey and advised him the Bureau would have no objecting to him being present during the interview. I told him that he would be advised tomorrow of the time and place of the interview.

I advised Mr. Delavigne of WFO of the Bureau's desires in this connection and he stated he would make arrangements to have Mr. Amshey present during the interview.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*  
 FROM : L. Whitson *LW*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 5, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
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Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WFO requested telephonically permission to interview Miss Etta Taylor, employed in the Department of Justice, who took dictation from Judith Coplon. *La Plante*

The WFO request was referred to Mr. Ladd who granted his approval at 3:15 p.m. and the Washington Field Office was appropriately advised.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : L. Whitson

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 5, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 3:40 p.m. today Special Agent Tom Mendenhall of the Washington Field Office telephonically requested permission to interview Anne Ernest Comanduras. Mendenhall explained that Comanduras was an employee of the State Department and the secretary of [redacted]. He stated that during the investigation, information was developed that when Judith Coplon desired to convey information to [redacted] she frequently dictated over the telephone to Comanduras. On one occasion, according to Mendenhall, [redacted] requested Coplon for information regarding the National Council of Soviet Friendship. In reply Coplon dictated to Comanduras information of a public source nature regarding the Council for Soviet Friendship and also dictated certain information which appeared to come from a Bureau report. Coplon in giving this information indicated its source was confidential.

Mendenhall further requested permission to interview Esther Pauline Annis, an employee of the State Department. According to Mendenhall, the Bureau's investigation disclosed that Coplon frequently exchanged information with Annis.

Mr. D. M. Ladd was furnished with the above facts and he authorized the Washington Field Office to conduct the above two requested interviews. Mr. Ladd advised that when the Washington Field Office was informed of the Bureau authority to conduct these interviews they should be instructed, in connection with the interview of Comanduras to bear in mind the possibility that in conducting this interview [redacted] might possibly be "flushed." Mr. Ladd stated that the interview with [redacted] was more important than the interview with his secretary and this fact should be borne in mind. Mr. Ladd also advised that Mr. Whitson should telephonically contact Jack Neal at the State Department and advise him that we are going to conduct interviews with Comanduras and Annis.

At 3:50 p.m. Mendenhall was advised of the above Bureau authority to conduct the interviews with Comanduras and Annis and was informed of Mr. Ladd's instructions with regard to Morris. Mendenhall stated that he believed it was desirable to hold off the interview with Comanduras until Bernard Morris was first located and interviewed.

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ADDENDUM:

At 5 p.m. Mr. Jack Neal of the State Department was advised of the Bureau's intention to interview Annis and Comanduras, with which he was in agreement.

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At 4:45 p.m. Assistant Director Ladd approved interviews with the following individuals.

Harold David Koffsky, Department of Justice  
Jessie M. MacKnight, State Department  
Harry A. Becker, Federal Communications Commission  
Sydney S. Berman, Attorney, Department of Labor  
[redacted] Department of Justice  
[redacted] Economic Cooperation Administration  
[redacted] National Labor Relations Board

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The Washington Field Office was instructed to conduct these interviews.

Mr. Jack Neal, Department of State, was advised at 5 p.m. that we contemplate interviewing Mr. MacKnight.

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11:55 pm 3-7-49, J.W. Magley, E.C.A. was advised that we were interviewing [redacted] *LW*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

DATE: March 5, 1949

FROM : J. E. Milnes *JEM*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

With reference to the issuance of the search warrant for Coplon's apartment at McLean Gardens at 6:20 a.m., Mr. Nichols called me. He said that he had talked to Mr. Ford concerning it and Mr. Ford said that he had called United States Attorney Morris Fay and had informed him about the case. He instructed Mr. Fay to assist in and arrange for the issuance of the warrant. Mr. Ford said that the Agents could contact Mr. Fay at his home at 8:00 a.m., telephone Oliver 4444. *AWH*

Mr. Ford instructed that the affidavit in support of the search warrant should be based on "information and belief" of the Agents that she (Coplon) was found in possession of a small flat package found to contain approximately thirty-four abstracts or reports on security matter and espionage cases and that it was believed that she owned, operated and was believed to be in possession of a typewriter used to produce the same. In so far as the prayer in the warrant was concerned, Mr. Ford instructed that it be sufficiently broad to enable the Agents to recover any reports or similar matters if any are found in her apartment. I called Mr. Delavigne of the Washington Field Office immediately after talking to Mr. Nichols and informed him that he could have the Agents contact Mr. Fay as directed.

At 7:40 a.m. I spoke to Mr. Delavigne after informing you of the above and told him that the affidavit in support of the warrant should be prepared as above. I also asked him to advise the Bureau immediately after receiving the warrant.

At 9:25 a.m. Mr. Delavigne called me and said that he was in the United States Commissioner's office at that time and that the United States Commissioner was on his way to his office. Mr. Delavigne advised that United States Attorney Fay had requested Assistant USA John Murray to assist in preparing the affidavit and the search warrant. Mr. Murray requested that the matter be held in abeyance until he arrived at the Commissioner's office at approximately 10 a.m. In addition, Mr. Delavigne informed me that there were a large number of newspapermen milling about the place, however, no one had been allowed to gain entrance to it. I informed him that under no circumstances should anyone be allowed to enter the place. *RECORDED - 111 65-58565-132*

I immediately informed Mr. Nichols of the foregoing and Mr. Nichols turn said that he would advise you while you were in his office. Pursuant to Mr. Nichols' instructions I recontacted Mr. Delavigne at 9:40 a.m. and informed him that he should advise the Agents at the residence of Coplon that they should make no comment whatsoever concerning the case. *6 MAR 11 1949*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO Mr. Fletcher *WFE*

DATE: 3-5-49

FROM : R.C. Godfrey *RCG*

Time of call: 6:15 PM

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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At this time Mr. A. Harry Becker, 3700 Mass. Ave., N.W., called stating is brother of Sarah Becker who was being interviewed by the Bureau. He said he desired to communicate with his sister.

Inasmuch as it was determined the WFO was desirous of also communicating with Mr. Becker the called was transferred to Mr. Delavigne in the WFO.

I checked later with Delavigne and he advised that they had handled call~~s~~ and also arranged to interview A. Harry ~~Becker~~.

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TO : Mr. Fletcher *120F*  
 FROM : R. C. Godfrey *RCG*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 3-5-49

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SA Webb of the Technical Laboratory called at 7:25P and 11:10 P to advise that he had identified the handwriting and typewriter specimens in the materials found in the possession of the subject when arrested.

SA Webb advised that he was advising the field of the results of his examinations by teletype.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*  
 FROM : L. Whitson *LW*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 5, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 3:30 p.m. Mr. Joe Sizoo telephonically gave the following report regarding the Laboratory's examination of the typewriter specimens in this case.

Mr. Sizoo stated that the examination of the specimens reflected that probably three different typewriters were used as follows.

A Corona portable. (He indicated that this was believed to be the typewriter maintained by the subject in her apartment.)

A Royal typewriter. (He indicated that the Laboratory believed they had located this one.)

An Underwood or Remington typewriter. (He indicated that the most likely suspect typewriter had been eliminated.)

Mr. Sizoo informed that when the examination eliminated the Underwood typewriter referred to above he contacted the Washington Field Office and spoke to Special Agent Courtney Jones and instructed him to make further efforts to locate the typewriter, an Underwood or Remington, which was used by Coplon to prepare certain of the typewriter specimens.

Sizoo also requested to be advised concerning whether or not the search warrant covering the residence of Coplon had been issued. After checking with Mr. Ladd, I informed him that the search warrant had been issued and was presently being executed and that we should have within the Bureau within a half hour the typewriter which was maintained by Coplon at her residence.

Sizoo requested to know if we had obtained the Department's personnel file of Judith Coplon so that it could be examined for handwriting specimens. The photostatic copy of the personnel file which was previously obtained during the investigation was delivered to Mr. Sizoo. Mr. Ladd requested that Section Chief Whitson telephonically contact Mr. Clive Palmer of the Department and request him to deliver to us Coplon's personnel file so that it could be examined for handwriting specimens..

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ADDENDUM:

At 4:45 p.m. Mr. Whitson telephonically contacted Mr. Clive Palmer at the Department and inquired if the personnel file of Judith Coplon could be made available for Laboratory examination of her handwriting. Mr. Palmer indicated that the file was available. The file was picked up from Mr. Palmer by Supervisor W. A. Brannigan and was delivered to Mr. Webb in the Laboratory. He stated that the file would be retained by the Laboratory until the handwriting examination could be completed.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

DATE: March 5, 1949.

FROM : J. E. Milnes *JEM*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Time: 8:45 A.M.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn-Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

At the above time Special Agent Dudley Payne delivered to me a package containing the original documents obtained from Coplon on March 4, 1949, together with photostatic copies of the same.

I turned this package over to Special Agent Fred Webb at 9:10 A.M. on March 5, 1949.

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

JUDITH <sup>①</sup>COPLON, ESP. R. THE FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED COMPLAINT AS DRAWN  
BY MR. WHEARTY OF DEPT. AGAINST VALENTINE A. GUBICHEV AND JUDITH COPLON  
CHARGING VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION THREE SEVEN ONE, USC QUOTE.--  
T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., BEING DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT HE IS A  
SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF ALLEGES AND  
CHARGES AS FOLLOWS.--- HERETOFORE, TO WIT, BEGINING ON OR ABOUT JAN.  
ONE NINETEEN FORTY NINE AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER UP TO AND INCLUDING  
THE DATE OF THE FILING OF THIS COMPLAINT, IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF  
NEW YORK, VALENTINE A. GUBICHEV AND JUDITH COPLON, THE DEFENDANTS  
HEREIN, UNLAWFULLY, WILFULLY AND FELONEOUSLY DID COMBINE, CONSPIRE  
CONFEDERATE AND AGREE TOGETHER AND WITH EACH OTHER, AND WITH DIVERS  
OTHER PERSONS TO DEPONENT UNKNOWN, TO COMMIT OFFENSES AGAINST THE  
UNITED STATES, NAMELY, TO VIOLATE SECTIONS SEVEN NINE THREE, SEVEN  
NINE FOUR AND TWO NAUGHT SEVEN ONE, TITLE EIGHTEEN, U. S. CODE, AND TO  
DEFRAUD THE U. S., AND MORE PARTICULARLY THE DEPARTMENT OF ~~JUSTICE~~ JUSTICE  
THEREOF, IN THE MANNER AND FOR THE PURPOSES HEREAFTER DESCRIBED. IT WAS  
PART OF THE CONSPIRACY THAT THE DEFENDANT COPLON, BEING AN EMPLOYEE  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND IN SUCH CAPACITY LAWFULLY HAVING  
POSSESSION OF, ACCESS TO AND CONTROL OVER AND BEING ENTRUSTED WITH  
DOCUMENTS, WRITINGS, AND ~~NOTES~~ NOTES RELATING TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE  
WOULD WILFULLY COMMUNICATE AND TRANSMIT AND ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE AND  
TRANSMIT THE SAAME TO PERSONS NOT ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THEM AND, WITH  
INTENT AND REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO THE ENEMY,  
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THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE ADVANTAGE OF A ~~REDACTED~~ FOREIGN NATION, WOULD COMMUNICATE, DELIVER ~~REDACTED~~ AND TRANSMIT AND ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE, DELIVER AND TRANSMIT TO A FOREIGN GOVT. AND TO A REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT, SUBJECT AND CITIZEN ~~REDACTED~~ THEREOF, DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY, SAID DOCUMENTS, WRITINGS, NOTES AND INFORMATION RELATING TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE. IT WAS FURTHER A PART OF THE CONSPIRACY THAT THE DEFENDANT JUDITH COPLON WOULD WILFULLY AND UNLAWFULLY CONCEAL AND REMOVE AND, WITH INENT TO DO SO, TAKE AND CARRY AWAY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS FILED AND DEPOSITED IN A PUBLIC OFFICE, NAMELY, IN THE SAID UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND THAT THE DEFENDANT VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV UNLAWFULLY AND WILFULLY WOULD AID, ABET, COUNSEL, INDUCE AND PROCURE SUCH REMOVAL. IT WAS FURTHER A PART OF THE SAID CONSPIRACY THAT THE DEFENDANTS AND DIVERS OTHER PERSONS. TO DEPONENT UNKNOWN WOULD DEFRAUD AND ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD THE UNITED STATES OF THE TRUE, HONEST AND IMPARTIAL SERVICES OF THE DEFENDANT JUDITH COPLON, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AS AFORESAID, BY INDUCING AND PROCURING THE SAID JUDITH COPLON TO REMOVE FROM THE FILES AND RECORDS OF THE SAID DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPORTS, DOCUMENTS AND INFO THEREFROM RELATING TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE AFFAIRS OF THE SAID DEPARTMENT OS JUSTICE AND TO TURN OVER AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS, INCLUDING THE DEFENDANT VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, SUCH RECORDS, DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION.

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IN FURTHERANCE OF THE SAID CONSPIRACY AND TO EFFECT THE OBJECTS THEREOF IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ON OR ABOUT MARCH FOUR, NINETEEN FORTY NINE THE DEFENDANTS DID DO AND COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OVERT ACT.-- ONE. IN THE VICINITY OF ONE NINE TWO STREET AND BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY, THE DEFENDANT GUBITCHEV DID MEET THE DEFENDANT COPLON. THE SOURCES OF DEONENTS INFO AND THE GROUNDS ON HIS BELIEF ARE OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIONS MADE BY HIM IN THE COURSE OF HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES. WHEREFORE, DEONENT PRAYS THAT A WARRANT MAY ISSUE FOR THE APPREHENSION OF THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, AND THAT THEY MAY BE ARRESTED, IMPRISONED OR BAILED, AS THE CASE MAY BE. END QUOTE.

*cc - Mr. Fletcher* SCHEIDT

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP R. SUGGESTED TO NY THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO SEARCH SUBJECTS HOME BY MEANS OF WARRANT OR CONSENT BY PARENTS. ALSO INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AT BARNARD COLLEGE TO ASCERTAIN ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS. NY OFFICE IS URGENTLY REQUESTED TO KEEP THIS OFFICE, OFFICE OF ORIGIN, ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE OCCURING IN THAT AREA.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Fletcher *WFE*  
FROM : R. C. Godfrey *RCG*  
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 3-6-49

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During call from SA J. R. Adams, NY office, at 8:40 PM, he mentioned for Bureau's information that BERTRAM COPLON, as reflected by a technical, was calling various individuals endeavoring to raise bail for the subject. He indicated that he hoped to raise the bail by 1:00 PM, Monday, 3-7-49.

SA Adams during a call later in evening at 9:25 PM, advised that more recent info from the technical indicated that BERTRAM COPLON wasn't having too much success in raising the bail. He was endeavoring to raise \$5,000 from one "Mel", 15 Park Row, NYC, and indicated he would still have to obtain the remaining \$15,000. COPLON stated he had not contacted any bondsmen as he didn't believe they would be interested and besides he thought it would cost about \$700 for the bond in such a case which they apparently don't want to pay.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : R. J. Lamphere

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 6, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the suggestion of Mr. Ladd I checked with the guard on duty at the ninth street entrance relative to what disposition was made of the roster reflecting people that entered the Department of Justice Building. I was informed that they would be on file in the guards office on the first floor of this building. Thereafter at 11:25 a.m. on March 6, 1949, I spoke to SA Ken Delavigne of the Washington Field Office and informed him that Mr. Ladd desired that the guard's rosters covering the ninth and tenth street entrances be checked for people entering the building yesterday in order to determine if any of Coplon's associates came in in order to clean material out of their desks and file cabinets. Mr. Delavigne said that this would be done the first of the week. *Whiffle*

Recommendation:

This is for your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *HBF*  
 FROM : D.H. YOUNG, S.A. *DH*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 ESPIONAGE R

DATE: March 6, 1949

At 12:10 A.M. today, Mr. DEAN SCHEDLER, of the Department, called and spoke to S.A. R.C. GODFREY.

Mr. SCHEDLER wanted to know if there had been any new developments in the above case and also wanted to know how he could get in touch with Mr. WHEARTY in case of emergency.

SA GODFREY brought him up to date on the case and advised him that he could probably contact Mr. WHEARTY through the New York field office.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : R. J. Lamphere *RJL*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 6, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 12:25 p.m. Mr. Clive Palmer telephonically contacted me and stated that inasmuch as neither Mr. Ladd nor you were in the building, he wondered if I would care to come over to his office and read the memorandum which he had prepared yesterday in connection with the Coplon case. I informed Mr. Palmer that I would like to first ascertain if you were coming in and that if you were I would advise him. After contacting you, I called Mr. Palmer on the phone and thereafter I went to his office. Mr. William Foley was also present. I read over the memorandum which he had dictated the previous day. Thereafter he asked if it appeared to be accurate in so far as the dates and other material were concerned. I informed him that the dates appearing in the memorandum did appear to be accurate and that the other material was in accordance with the discussions which had been held on the previous day, at which time certain dates of conversations between Departmental officials and officials of the Bureau had been arrived at.

Mr. Foley who was present advised that he had with him the copies of the memorandum on the Amtorg Trading Corporation dated March 3, 1949. He stated that after Coplon had left for New York on March 4, 1949, he had gone to her office at approximately 2:30 p.m. and picked up the memorandum. He indicated that he was going to keep that memorandum and the previous memorandum on the Amtorg Trading Corporation and turn them over to you on Monday.

Recommendation:

This is for your information.

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ADDENDUM  
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With respect to the two memoranda concerning the Amtorg Trading Corporation, I suggested to Mr. Foley that in order to maintain the continuity in the chain of evidence that these memoranda be retained in the Department. He agreed to this and these memoranda are being retained in the Department.

D. M. Ladd

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Fletcher *WFF*

DATE: 3-6-49

FROM : R. C. Godfrey *RCG*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

SA R. W. McCaslin, WFO, called at 9:15 PM to advise that WFO had learned incidental to its interviews today that a Mrs. KINGSLEY (fmu) of the N. Y. News, NYC, was endeavoring to obtain permission to have an interview with the subject.

WFO called NY office advising of this and were advised later by NY office that they had checked with Federal House of Detention and were informed that a number of reporters had requested permission to interview the subject. All such requests were being declined by the U. S. Marshalls office.

WFO submitted above for the Bureau's information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF W*

FROM : L. Whitson *W*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 7, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 2:23 P.M. today, Mr. D. M. Ladd advised that he had previously indicated to Mr. Whitson that one Lou ~~Nimzer~~ was suspected of having furnished information regarding the Foreign Agents Registration Section in the Department to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Mr. Ladd stated he had just heard from the Department which was now of the opinion that Stephen W. ~~Mamchur~~ was probably the person who furnished information concerning the Foreign Agents Registration Section to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Mr. Ladd instructed that the Bureau references be searched for any information which Mamchur may have furnished with respect to his suspicions relating to the activities of the Foreign Agents Registration Section in the Department. Mr. Ladd instructed that a summary memorandum be prepared on all references pertaining to Mamchur.

It was indicated that Mamchur was a former employee of the Foreign Agents Registration Section and is presently connected with Wayne University.

## ACTION:

In accordance with the above request, a summary memorandum on Mamchur is being prepared.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
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JUDITH COPLON, ESP.- R. ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS RECOVERED FROM COPLON  
UPON SEARCH REFERS TO HER EFFORTS "TO GET THE TOP SECRET FBI REPORT  
WHICH I DESCRIBED TO MICHAEL ON SOVIET AND COMMUNIST INTELLIGENCE  
ACTIVITIES IN THE U. S.". RERPT SA STEPHEN A. MCGARR, DATED DEC.  
TWENTY NINTH, FORTY EIGHT AT NY, ENTITLED ALFRED KAUFMAN STERN,  
ET AL., ESPIONAGE R, PAGE TWENTY ONE. THIS REFLECTS MEETING BETWEEN  
MARTHA STERN AND UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL CALLING HIMSELF MICHAEL WHO,  
UPON SURVEILLANCE, WAS IDENTIFIED AS VALINTIN A. SOROKIN, SECOND  
SECRETARY OF THE EMBASSY OF THE USSR. WASHINGTON FIELD REQUESTED  
TO ADVISE WHETHER COPLON IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATING WITH  
SOROKIN AS POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE MICHAEL MENTIONED IN THE ABOVE  
DOCUMENT MAY BE SOROKIN.

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Mr. Jones.....
Mr. Mumford.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Nease.....
Mr. Gandy.....

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JAN. NINETEEN LAST CONCERNING [REDACTED] AND BULET DATED JAN.  
FOUR LAST. [REDACTED] MARRIED [REDACTED] ON SEPT. FOUR,  
NINETEEN FORTYSIX IN NYC. [REDACTED] STATED IN OBTAINING MARRIAGE  
LICENSE HE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED TO [REDACTED] FROM WHOM HE WAS  
DIVORCED IN NINETEEN FORTYTWO IN SAN FRANCISCO. [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PRESENT ADDRESS OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BELIEVED TO BE [REDACTED] BUREAU  
REQUESTED THROUGH ITS SOURCES TO VERIFY PRESENT ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] AND  
POSSIBLY HER CURRENT ACTIVITIES. FOLLOWING TELETYPE TRANSMITTED TO  
BUREAU MARCH THIRD LAST. [REDACTED] FORMERLY OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NYC, IS NOW MARRIED, HAS ONE CHILD, LESS THAN A YEAR  
OLD AND IS BELIEVED TO BE RESIDING IN MEXICO. MAIL COVER ON PARENTS,  
NY. ADDRESS REFLECTS MAIL ADDRESSED TO [REDACTED] IN CARE OF  
[REDACTED] AND PREVIOUS LETTER TO [REDACTED] BORE

FILES INDICATES [REDACTED] PROBABLY MARRIED TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHO WAS VERY FRIENDLY WITH JOSE ANTONIO  
ARZE, BOLIVIAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY LEADER AND VINCENTE BOMBARDO  
TOLEDANO, MEXICAN LABOR LEADER. [REDACTED] MADE FREQUENT TRIPS TO NYC  
AND GAVE ADDRESS HERE AS ONE [REDACTED]

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KNEW ARZE IN NY IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR AND AT ONE TIME SPOKE TO ARZE  
ABOUT [REDACTED] INDICATING SHE ALSO KNEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE HUSBAND OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FILES ALSO CONTAIN REFERENCE TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO KNEW ARZE AND WHO IS PROBABLY RELATED TO [REDACTED] INVESTI-  
GATION CONTINUING TO DETERMINE EXACT ~~NAME~~ NAME OF [REDACTED] HUSBAND AND  
ANY PRESENT ACTIVITIES.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd *DL*  
 FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 7, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

WFO

Pursuant to your instructions, ~~Mr.~~ Field Supervisor ~~WFO~~ Delavigne was again reminded at 9:40 am, March 7, 1949, to obtain the building registers at the Justice Building for March 5 and 6, 1949, as well as the building registers for other buildings in Washington where the Department of Justice has office space for the same dates and take off the names of employees of the Department who came to work those days. *[Signature]*

These names will then be checked with the appropriate officials in the Department to determine which of the individuals signing in actually were in their offices on legitimate business ~~and~~ which might be suspected of attempting to cover their tracks in the light of the news releases issued in the Coplon Case which hit the press and radio about 6:00 am Saturday, March 5, 1949.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH A. COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 7, 1949

There is enclosed herewith for the Washington Field Office, one sheet of ruled paper on which subject COPLON has written in her handwriting an order for breakfast during her temporary detention at this office pending arraignment on March 5, 1949.

It is requested that the Washington Field Office immediately have this enclosure transmitted to the Laboratory in order that it may be compared with specimens of subject's handwriting known by Washington Field Office to be on file in the Laboratory.

The New York Office should be advised immediately of the results of this handwriting comparison.

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cc - Washington Field  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

DATE: 3-7-49

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. E. J. McCabe advised that he had just received a phone call from Mr. Leo Ross, an attorney in the Antitrust Division of the Department, indicating that he may have some information of interest regarding Coplon. Mr. Ross requested to be contacted and arrangements made to interview him away from his office in the Department.

By way of background, Mr. McCabe stated that he knows Mr. Ross personally and so far as he is aware, there is no question as to his loyalty.

ACTION:

Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office was furnished with this information with the request that arrangements be made to interview Ross.

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Addendum:

Mr. Ross called Inspector Laughlin at 1:15 p.m. today and stated that he can be reached on Extension 781 in the Department. He said that if possible it would be convenient to be interviewed in his office today after 4:30 p.m. and before 5:15 p.m. Inspector Laughlin advised Mr. Ross that we would arrange to contact him if it could possibly be done, but in the event we could not reach him today, we would communicate with him to arrange for a convenient time. The above information was relayed to Supervisor Delavigne.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 3-7-49

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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At 10:50 p.m., March 4, 1949, ASAC Belmont, New York, called and stated that Mr. Ray Whearty advised he believes both Coplon and Gubitchev should be held on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government.

At 11:05 p.m., Mr. Peyton Ford, after talking to Mr. Whearty, advised that he had instructed Mr. Whearty to file on charges of conspiracy to defraud, conspiracy section on espionage, and the statute relating to the removal of documents. He instructed Mr. Whearty to resolve all doubts in our favor. Mr. Whearty stated that there was only one 81 year old U. S. Commissioner in the Southern District of New York and he couldn't be routed out until 10:30 a.m. the next day. Mr. Whearty was instructed to advise Mr. Ford of any developments.

At 11:16 p.m., Mr. Belmont called again and stated that Mr. Whearty had talked to Mr. Ford, and that the complaints would be drawn up tonight, March 4. AUSA Saypol is working on the matter and will get a U. S. Commissioner down as soon as possible.

Mr. Belmont stated that Gubitchev had asked what charges would be placed against him. Mr. Whearty had advised that he would ask for high bonds - \$100,000 for Gubitchev and \$25,000 for Coplon.

Mr. Belmont further advised that Coplon had an abstract on secret espionage summary in her notes and had apologized to Gubitchev for not getting it.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *DL*

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

SUBJECT: JUDITH GOPLON, with alias; et al;  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 8, 1949

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Pursuant to your instructions, Mr. Whitson phoned Field Supervisor Delavigne at the Washington Field Office and inquired if the Field Office records indicated that Lou Russell, investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, had ever furnished to the Bureau or to the Washington Field Office a letter or affidavit by Stephen Mamchur concerning pro-Russian activities in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department.

At 1:40 P.M., Delavigne phoned and advised that Russell had called Special Agent Nixon on a highly confidential basis on a related matter and had advised that he, Russell, had never given to the Bureau or the Washington Field Office a copy of Mamchur's testimony.

Russell stated to Nixon that he was furnishing the following information in a highly confidential manner and requested assurance that no embarrassment would come to him as a result of his disclosures. Russell wanted this solely for the Bureau's information.

1. Congressman Wood will release a statement to the press this afternoon that the Committee received in 1946 information regarding pro-Russian activity in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department. Among those mentioned was Judith Coplon. The informant of the Committee who furnished her name was a former employee of the Department of Justice. Wood's statement will point out there should be closer cooperation between the Committee and the Department, and it is Russell's understanding that there will be no attempt to assess any blame.

2. According to Russell, Mamchur is the individual who furnished the information to the House Committee and it is his recollection that prior to September 20, 1946, the Committee released an Executive Hearing Report which included Mamchur's information and named in the Department as pro-Russian, among others, Judith Coplon and Nathan Eliff, an attorney.

Russell advised that a newspaper man, identity unknown to Russell, is supposed to know that the informant of the Committee in 1946 is now at Wayne University in Michigan, but does not know the informant's name.

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3. Russell advised that in September of 1946 he delivered to Mr. Caudle at the Department a letter from the Committee listing names of organizations and individuals appearing in the Committee's files and containing a request that the Departmental files relating to such persons be available for inspection by the Committee Investigator. It is Russell's recollection that included in this list of names were those of Nathan Eliff and Judith Coplon. Caudle referred Russell to Nathan Eliff who was not cooperative and Russell did not obtain access to the Departmental files.

Again on September 20, 1946, Russell delivered to the Department a letter from the House Committee on Un-American Activities over the signature of John Carrington, then Clerk of the Committee, which letter referred to the previous letter which asked access to the files and furnished the list of organizations and individuals. This letter stated that the Committee Investigator had contacted Eliff who had advised that he would contact Attorney General Clark on the latter's return to Washington, but that no action had been taken by the Department.

Russell states that he left this second letter with Eliff and to date there has been no reply to the Committee from the Department.

Russell states that a file copy of the letter dated September 20, 1946, appears in the Committee files but that he has not been able to locate the file copy of the first letter which was delivered to Caudle.

**ACTION:**

We are attempting to locate an Executive Hearing Report of the House Committee which deals with matters affecting the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department.

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Supervisor *Drummond*

Room

Subj: *Stephen W. Manchester*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 8, 1949

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*Valentine A. Gubitchev*

While talking with ASAC Belmont of New York today on another matter he stated that all of the information taken from Gubitchev at the time of his arrest, as well as the material obtained from Coplon is being submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination. Mr. Belmont indicated that this material would be listed in the report now being prepared in this case by the New York Office and unless advised to the contrary he would have it brought to the Bureau by a Special Agent this evening. Mr. Belmont said that he recommended this personal delivery because of the possibility that the Soviets, through official channels, may make a demand for the immediate return of Gubitchev's effects and he believed that its handling should be expedited in the event this occurs.

I told Mr. Belmont that unless he was advised to the contrary by 4:00 P.M. it would be satisfactory for an Agent to come to Washington with this material.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *1835*

DATE: March 8, 1949

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *8*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department called at 9:30 A.M. today and requested to be furnished with as much information as possible concerning the results of the investigation conducted in this case as soon as it could conveniently be done. He explained that he is anxious to start drawing up an indictment and, of course, will need Bureau reports and, particularly, the FBI Laboratory reports in order to have an idea as to what the Government can prove.

I told Mr. Whearty that the interested field offices in this case have been instructed to prepare reports and it was expected that they would be received this morning. On receipt copies will be furnished to the Department. I also explained to Mr. Whearty that a detailed memorandum on this case had been prepared for the Attorney General yesterday. He indicated that he would take steps immediately to obtain at least a copy of this and this might suffice for his purposes.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. Ladd

DATE: March 8, 1949

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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BACKGROUND

You will recall that Mr. Peyton Ford of the Department indicated to you that Mr. Louis Nemzer in all probability was the individual formerly employed by the Department who furnished certain information to the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning the administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department. Mr. Ford's comment apparently resulted from the news article quoting Congressman Nixon as stating that in 1946 the HCUA had furnished to the Department information indicating pro-Soviet sentiments in the Foreign Agents Registration Section and naming Judith Coplon as one of the persons having such sentiments.

Nemzer was located and interviewed at Worthington, Ohio. He indicated that in all probability the individual who furnished information of this type to the HCUA was Stephen W. Namchur, who, he stated, was formerly employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section and is now Professor of Sociology at Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan.

DEVELOPMENTS

SAC O'Connor of Detroit called at 12:25 P.M. today and stated that pursuant to a request received from the Washington Field Office, Stephen W. Namchur was presently being interviewed by the Detroit Office. Mr. O'Connor stated that the Washington Field Office asked that a summary of the results of this interview be furnished to Mr. Ladd by noon. Mr. O'Connor stated that the interview with Namchur is still continuing and he will be unable to comply with the WFO request. He stated that he believed in all probability that a complete teletype summary will be furnished to the Bureau by approximately 3:00 or 4:00 P.M.

The interview thus far has indicated that Namchur does not possess any specific information indicating that he was aware of any espionage or Communistic activities on the part of Coplon. Namchur claims that he never officially reported any information to the FBI or to his superiors in the Department although he claims he did talk in a "general way" to Mr. James McInerney of the Department and voiced his dissatisfaction with the administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Section. Namchur said that he did not mention any names to Mr. McInerney during this conversation.

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Mr. Namchur admitted that during July or August, 1946, he spoke to Lou Russell, Investigator for the HCUA, and told him of his suspicions of a pro-Soviet clique in charge of the administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Section in the Department of Justice. This clique, according to Namchur, consisted of Louis Nemzer, [redacted] Leon Segal and Judith Coplon. Namchur said that he never made any "official report" to the HCUA nor did that Committee ever interrogate him personally.

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With regard to the allegation that Mr. Jesse MacKnight of the Department raised the efficiency rating of Coplon which necessitated the firing of Namchur, Namchur admitted that Coplon's efficiency rating was raised but claims that he resigned and was not fired from the Department.

Namchur specifically requested that if Nathan Eliff, Acting Chief of the Internal Security and Chief of the Foreign Agents Registration Section in 1946, or if Louis Nemzer are still in the Department, that the information he has furnished be retained in confidence and not made available to Department officials.

Mr. O'Connor stated that the questioning of Namchur is continuing and, as indicated above, a summary teletype will be furnished to the Bureau upon completion.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *KBF*

SUBJECT: JUDITH GOPLON, WAS  
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DATE: March 8, 1949

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Pursuant to your instructions, there is attached herewith a blind memorandum setting forth the information contained in the Bureau files concerning Louis Nemzer. *Summary*

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RE: LOUIS NEMZER

Louis Nemzer was born August 15, 1913, at New York, New York, of Russian-born parents. The father of Louis Nemzer, Ralph Nemzer, obtained United States citizenship by naturalization on June 4, 1923. However, as of August 19, 1941, there was no record indicating that Rose Nemzer, mother of Louis, had ever become a United States citizen. Louis Nemzer was married to Daisy Press Nemzer, a native-born American on July 3, 1947. (77-12099-7 & 15)

Louis Nemzer graduated from Jefferson High School, Los Angeles, California, in 1931. He attended Occidental College in Los Angeles from 1931 to 1933 and the University of California, at Berkeley, California, from 1934 to 1937. He received a B.A. and a M.A. degree from the University of California. He furthered his studies at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, during the period from 1937 to 1939. However, he did not receive a degree from this institution. While attending the University of Chicago, he was employed as a research scholar and a university fellow by that school.

From November, 1939 to March, 1940, Nemzer was employed by the California State Relief Administration as a social worker. In 1940, he worked for his father, Ralph Nemzer, at 5318 Central Avenue, Los Angeles. From March until June, 1941, Louis Nemzer was employed by the United States Department of Justice as a Russian propaganda expert in connection with the case of the United States versus Bookniga, during which proceedings he served as a witness. In December, 1941, Nemzer secured a position with the Library of Congress, his duties being to gather and analyze data on foreign propaganda. He held this position until July, 1942, at which time he began his employment with the United States Department of Justice as a political analyst.

During an investigation of Louis Nemzer as a Departmental Applicant, Dr. Harold Dwight Lasswell, a former acquaintance of Nemzer at the Library of Congress, highly recommended Nemzer as to ability, character and loyalty to the Government. Dr. Lasswell, however, has been described as an outstanding political scientist and an ex-college professor in that field. He has allegedly taken part in Communist activities. Lasswell was listed as a radical in the "Red Network" by Elizabeth Dillings, and as a member of the League for Industrial Democracy in 1932, which group was an alleged Communist front organization. Lasswell was further described as having been active in Communistic circles while at the University of Chicago in 1935-36, and it was further reported that Lasswell was a member of the National Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union in 1939-40.

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ENCLOSURE

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Louis Nemzer was transferred from his position as political analyst in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the United States Department of Justice on May 3, 1947. He reportedly was transferred to employment with the United States Department of State, Washington, D. C. (Dept. of Justice Personnel File 'unnumbered' re Louis Nemzer)

On December 30, 1946

The loyalty investigation conducted on Louis Nemzer disclosed that he is able to speak Russian fluently and is also able to read that language. Nemzer worked on Russian material while employed by the United States Department of Justice. The loyalty investigation failed to prove that Nemzer is a Communist. However, he was seen in the company of individuals who are, or were, employed by the United States Government and who were suspected of possessing Communist sympathies and connections. These individuals are:

Jessie Rubin, formerly employed by the Amtorg Trading Corporation, the Soviet Purchasing Commission and the Moscow Daily News. On March 5, 1947, Louis Nemzer was observed in the company of Rubin.

Dr. Arthur I. Saul, who had frequent luncheon engagements with persons attached to the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C. and who had associated with individuals suspected of being Soviet Agents, and whose brother, Joseph Saul, has been reported as being a member of the Communist Party.

Ernest C. Ropes, Chief of the Russian Unit of the United States Department of Commerce, who has a background of education and residence in Russia and who was described by Larry Todd of Tass News Agency as a very good friend of the Soviet Union in April, 1946. Ropes has participated in the activities of the American-Russian Institute and the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. Ropes is alleged to have at one time made the statement that Russia has direct democracy which is far superior to that of the United States.

P. D. Carter of the Federal Communications Commission. Carter's wife is Betty Payson Carter, who in April, 1947, was employed as an English teacher in the Soviet Embassy in Washington. While she was in New York in 1943, teaching in the public schools of that city, she was frequently observed in contact with suspected Soviet agents.

Henry Ware, United States Department of Commerce, who is a close contact of Shura Lewis (subject of an Internal Security case) and of Polla Habicht in a similar category, and of Jack Milada Marsalka, a suspected Soviet Agent in Washington.

Ware taught at the Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas, in 1938. This college is reputed to have been a Communist school. Ware spent 5 years in Russia where he pursued his study of economics. His wife, Alice, was known in April, 1947, to be a member of the following organizations:

Executive Council of the People's Committee  
American Peace Mobilization  
New York Conference on Inalienable Rights  
League of American Writers  
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc.

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On May 9, 1947, information was received from a confidential and completely reliable source that either Nemzer or his wife have remarked that they (Mr. and Mrs. Nemzer) had attended a meeting of the Communist Political Association in the National Press Building, Washington, D. C. The date of this alleged attendance at this meeting is not known. This reliable source stated that he did not attach any particular significance to the remark made by either Louis Nemzer or his wife, inasmuch as he knew that, at that time, Nemzer was making a study of Communist and Russian propaganda.

In March, 1948, a delicate and highly confidential source furnished the address book of Martin Popper, subject of an Internal Security - R case and the name of Louis Nemzer, Foreign Registration Section, Justice Department, appeared in this book. (105-1913-83 page 9 and 11)

Under date of June 20, 1944, Louis Nemzer prepared a brief entitled, "The American Communist Party and the Foreign Agents Registration Act". It will be noted that this brief was prepared during the time Nemzer was employed by the United States Department of Justice. (100-3-74-1270 enclosure)

(100-3-2308 enclosure)

On February 1, 1948, information was received from a confidential and reliable source that Louis Nemzer had been friendly with Judith Coplon. This source advised further that some time ago, exact date not recalled, during a discussion of the Mikhailovich-Tito issue, Nemzer had expressed himself to this source as being in favor of Tito and remarked, "We can only support those who are fighting on our side." This source advised that in her opinion, this remark was an indication that Nemzer considered Mikhailovich as being a traitor. (65-58365-51)

On January 21, 1949, a highly confidential and delicate source advised that the following entry appeared in the address book belonging to subject, Judith Coplon: "Lou Nemzer, 1569 42nd Street, S.E. VI 9180". (65-58365-32)

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TO : MR. LADD *pk*  
 FROM : MR. FLETCHER *OKHFB*  
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Attached hereto for your information are the results of  
 a file check concerning Bertram Joel Adams. - *Lunn*

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BERTRAM JOEL ADAMS

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM BUREAU APPLICANT FILE

Bertram Joel Adams filed an application for appointment as a Special Agent with the Bureau on May 25, 1936. He advised in his application that he was residing at 670 Riverside Drive, New York, New York; that he was born April 29, 1904 at New York, New York and listed his color as white. He listed his father as Simon J. Adams and his mother as Anna Edelman Adams, both born in New York, New York. He advised that he was married; that he had no children; and listed membership in the Young Men's Christain Association, Businessmen's Club, West Side Branch, New York, New York.

Adams also set out his educational background as follows:

Public School 186, New York	1910 - 1912
Public School 169, New York, New York	1912 - 1913
Public School 39, Far Rockaway, Long Island, New York	1913 - 1914
Kozminski School, Chicago, Illinois	1914 - 1917
DeWitt Clinton High School, New York City	1917 - 1919
Morris High School, New York City	1919 - 1919
DeWight School, New York City	1919 - 1920
Cogalte University, Hamilton, New York	1920 - 1921
Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.	1921 - 1923
New York Law School, New York	1931 - 1935, receiving LL.B. and LL.M. degrees.

In his application Adams listed the following former employers:

Gustav Rader Company, 1105 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.	Assistant to Purchasing Agent 1923 - 1925
R. W. Hollingshead Company, 360 Furman Street, Brooklyn, New York	Salesman, 1926 - 1927
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company 134 East 86th Street, New York, New York	Agent, 1927 - 1928
Credit Checking and Adjustment Corporation 11 West 42nd Street, New York, New York	Salesman, 1928 - 1928

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R. H. Macy and Company, New York, N. Y.      Section Manager, 1928 - 1928

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company,  
Riverside District, New York, New York      Agent, 1923 - 1928

Reid Ice Cream Corporation,  
9 West 140th Street, New York, N. Y.      Salesman, 1929 - 1930

Vogt Ice Cream Corporation,  
223 East 141st Street, New York, N. Y.      Salesman, 1930 - 1931

Reid Ice Cream Corporation,  
9 West 141st Street, New York, N. Y.      Salesman, 1931 - still employed when  
filed application

He listed the following references:

Mrs. Cora Ferguson  
Residence address: 130 East 44th Street, New York City  
Business address: 151 East 80th Street, New York City

Dr. Norman J. Lebahr  
Residence address: 325 West 87th Street, New York City  
Business address: 325 West 87th Street, New York City

Howard Lesser  
Residence address: 25 West 68th Street, New York City  
Business address: 2 East 57th Street, New York City

Irving London  
Residence address: 325 West 101st Street, New York City  
Business address: 160 East 116th Street, New York City

Irving Springer  
Residence address: 333 East 53rd Street, New York City  
Business address: 350 Madison Avenue, New York City

Adams listed one arrest in November, 1926 for "Obstructing the street," which he claimed resulted from he and his employer watching a "dice game" on the sidewalk, to which he pleaded guilty and was fined \$3.00. He listed himself as a defendant in an action for divorce in 1926 in New York, New York in which a judgment for absolute divorce was awarded to his wife, Abeline

Adams. In 1927 he stated he was a defendant in an action upon a promissory note in which a judgment of \$25 was levied against him and satisfied. He listed action in 1931 against him to recover damages for injuries sustained in an automobile accident, in which the action was settled against him in the amount of \$100.

He advised in his application that he had no other relatives in Government service. His photograph is attached to his application.

The Bureau took no further action on the application submitted by Bertram Joel Adams.

Adams, in requesting an application, advised that in June, 1934, he was graduated from the New York Law School, receiving his degree of LL.B. and in June, 1935 he received the degree of LL.M. from the same school. He advised that he was admitted to the New York Bar on March 9, 1936. (67-68903)

INFORMATION APPEARING IN BUREAU FILES CONCERNING ADAMS.

By letter dated November 23, 1940, entitled, "Communist Activities" the New York Office advised that on November 20, 1940, Acting Captain James E. Donnelly, of the Alien Squad, New York City Police Department, forwarded to the New York Office the following memorandum:

"At a meeting held by the American Peace Mobilization, Uptown Branch, on Friday, November 15th, 1940, at 601 West 183rd St., Manhattan, which was attended by about thirty persons, one Bert Adams, the chairman, stated that in the near future a group would be picked to visit various Army training camps for the purpose of seeking unsanitary and unhealthy conditions therein and bringing same back to the parents, relatives and friends of men in service to arouse public indignation against the Government for the treatment of its service men.

The American Peace Mobilization is made up, to a great extent, of members of the Communist Party and intellectual fellow travelers."

(61-7559-10903)

In the report of Special Agent T. W. Dawsey, dated May 15, 1941, at Washington, D. C., entitled "National Lawyers Guild" there is set out information obtained from the ledger cards at the National Headquarters of the National Lawyers Guild. Under the cards filed under "New York City and Vicinity" and under the heading "Active Members," there is listed Bertram J. Adams, 270 Broadway, New York (Dues Last Paid 9/26/39). (100-7321-6)

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By letter dated November 3, 1942, in the case entitled, "Council for Human Rights; Internal Security- R," the New York Office furnished the Bureau with a copy of a report obtained from [redacted] Informant [redacted] According to this report, which was dated October 23, 1942, the Council for Human Rights held an open forum in Paramount Mansion, 183rd Street and St. Nicholas Avenue. Bertram Adams, Executive Committee member, prefaced the forum with a brief history of the group. According to Adams, the group was organized in August, 1941 by "A group of civic-minded community leaders who were desirous of whipping up support for the President's foreign policy, to combat Fifth Column and Christian Front activities which were rampant in the neighborhood."

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By report dated July 27, 1944, the New York Office advised that the Council for Human Rights was actually organized in 1941 by Republican and Democratic leaders in the 23 AD District, New York City, to combat Christian Front activities on Washington Heights." The Council was composed of many groups, including many Communist front organizations. As of July, 1944 the Council was inactive. (100-1555-77)

In the report of Special Agent G. Earl Jennings, dated at New York City, August 31, 1943, in the case entitled, "Theodore S. Wellman, was; Internal Security - C," there is set out information that, according to CI NYT 25 (Technical Surveillance on Communist Party Headquarters, 35 East 12th Street, New York City) Bertram Adams, an attorney in Room 1608, 270 Broadway, New York City, was a friend of Ted Wellman, "a Party big wig of Harlem." This information was obtained on September 10, 1942. A review of the file on Ted Wellman reflects that in 1944 he was a key figure in the Communist Party and was then residing at 24 West 8th Street, New York City. (100-31075-10)

In the case entitled "The National Maritime Union of America, Internal Security - C," there is set out information obtained from Confidential Informant NYT-52 (Technical Surveillance on the National Maritime Union) that on August 26, 1943, a Bert Adams informed Margaret Haller that he had arranged to obtain her divorce through Mexico without her even going to Mexico. (100-120818-1241)

A review of the file entitled "Margaret Eleanore Haller, nee Ekern; Security Matter-C," reflects that Margaret Haller was formerly the private secretary of Joseph Curran, President of the National Maritime Union of America - CIO.

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In the report of Special Agent Vincent J. Cahill, dated at New York City, October 18, 1944, there is set out information obtained from a confidential informant [redacted]

[redacted] that Margaret Hallor was resigning her position with Joseph Curran and moving to California. This informant furnished several items that Margaret Hallor disposed of when moving from 51 James Street, New York City. Among these items were two cancelled checks made payable to Bertram Adams, one dated September 27, 1943 in the amount of \$200 and the other dated October 17, 1943, in the amount of \$75, and both containing the notation "Attorney Fees."

A review of the file on Margaret Hallor reflects that she attended courses at the Jefferson School of Social Science, was a reader of the Daily Worker, was active in the affairs of the American Labor Party and was active in the Village Victory Club of the Communist Political Association.

In a report received from the San Francisco Office on June 9, 1945, there is set out information that Margaret Hallor was then a member of the North Beach Club of the Communist Political Association.  
(100-244679-13,20)

In the Dies Committee report, Section 4, 1944, page 1134, there is set out an Exhibit No. 71, filed with the Committee, announcing "A Neighborhood Rally to Commemorate the Second Anniversary of the Invasion of the USSR." This exhibit reflected that the rally was to be held on Tuesday evening, June 22, 1943, at the Hotel Cornish Arms, 23rd Street between 7th and 8th Avenues, New York City. The Reverend R. A. D. Beatty was listed as Chairman of the rally and Bertram J. Adams as guest speaker. The rally was under the auspices of the Lower West Side Committee of Russian War Relief, 160 Seventh Avenue, New York City. (61-7582-1298, page 1134)

A review of the file on Horace Casselbery reflects that Casselbery was represented in a trial in New York City in March, 1945 by Bertram Adams. It is reflected that Horace Casselbery is well known to the New York Office as a psychopathic letter writer. He has been brought to the U. S. Attorney's office on several occasions by postal authorities because of his psychopathic letter writing. The letters that Casselbery writes, which have included letters to the President, to the Secretary of State, and to the Senior Judge of the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, contain clippings from the Daily Worker. The New York Office advised that in 1936 Casselbery was regarded as a member of the Communist Party. Casselbery had been placed under observation for his psychopathic letter writing in Bellevue Hospital in New York City.  
(100-7662)

In the report of Special Agent Robert C. Downes, dated at Buffalo, New York, September 9, 1946, entitled, "Frances Clune, was; Internal Security - C," there is set out information that Frances Clune during 1946 was President of the North Park Club of the Communist Party in Buffalo, New York and that during a meeting held in her home on February 19, 1946, the Buffalo Office was advised by Confidential Informants [redacted] active, paid informant and member of the Communist Party, [redacted] active, paid informant and member of the Communist Party in [redacted] that a Harry Rupp and a Bert Adams, Communist Party members from New York, who had assisted in recruiting at Lackawanna and who were residing temporarily at the home of Frances Clune, 156 Stratford Road, Buffalo, had attended the meeting. No further information was furnished by those informants concerning Harry Rupp or Bert Adams. (100-132299-36 page 28)

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In the report of Special Agent Joseph V. Waters, dated at New York, New York, August 12, 1947 in the case entitled, "Mary M. Nichols, was; Security Matter - C," there is set out information that Mary M. Nichols, also known as Mary Murphy, was an attorney who had been counsel for James Johnson, who was tried in the Queens County Court, Long Island City, New York on a charge of rape on November 6, 1946. According to the New York report, Johnson was sentenced to 15 to 30 years in prison, and his conviction was featured by the Communist Party who attempted to make an issue of the case because Johnson was a Negro. The New York Office reflects that the court records reveal that Bertram Adams, 270 Broadway, was listed as one of the attorneys of record for Johnson. (100-235228-18)

In a letter from New York dated October 20, 1947 entitled, "Communist Party, USA, District No. 2, New York Office; Internal Security - C," there is set out information obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] (discontinued active, paid informant and member of the Communist Party). This informant made available the names of individuals who were subscribers to the Daily Worker. This list of names was maintained at the Herman Rottscher Club, Communist Party, and was made available by the informant on December 2, 1946. The name B. J. Adams, 166 East 92nd Street, New York City, was included on this list.

In the New York Office letter dated June 17, 1948, entitled, "Communist Party, USA District No. 2; La Pasionaria Club; Internal Security - C," there was set out material obtained through Confidential Informant [redacted] active, paid informant who [redacted]

[redacted] New York City), which included two lists of names and addresses in New York City, entitled, "Pasionaria - Yorkville Section." The New York Office advised that it is believed that these lists contain names and addresses of the mailing list of the La Pasionaria Club, Yorkville Section of the Communist Party. On one of these lists there appeared the name, B. J. Adams, 166 East 92nd Street. (100-3-4-6360)

A check of the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory for 1949 shows a listing for Bertram J. Adams, with offices at 270 Broadway, New York City, born 1904, and admitted to the Bar in 1934; attended Syracuse University and received an LL.M. degree from New York Law School, New York.

A check of the New York telephone directory for Manhattan, November, 1948 issue, reflects that there is a listing for a Bertram J. Adams, lawyer, 270 Broadway, New York City; uptown office, 177 E. 121st Street; home address 166 E. 92nd Street, New York City.

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MARCH 9, 1949

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RE: JUDITH COPLON. ESPIONAGE, R. THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE NEW YORK OFFICE ON MARCH EIGHT, LAST, APPARENTLY MISDIRECTED: QUOTE:

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UNQUOTE. WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE SHOULD HANDLE THE LEADS SET FORTH ABOVE. ATTENTION NEW YORK AND WFO TO THE REPORT OF SA R. W. ROBINSON DATED MARCH TWO, LAST, AT NEW YORK RE JOSEPH KATZ, ESPIONAGE, R, REFLECTING ON PAGE FORTYFIVE THE NAME OF PAVIA AND COMPANY, EXPORTS, FIFTYFIVE WEST FORTYSECOND STREET, NEW YORK CITY WAS A TELEPHONIC CONTACT OF KATZ IN FORTYFOUR. NEW YORK SHOULD INVESTIGATE TO ESTABLISH ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN PHILIP G. PAVIA AND THE PAVIA EXPORT COMPANY.

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ONE AT ANY TIME EVER FURNISHED ELLIFF WITH DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT. ELLIFF SHOULD NOT BE FURNISHED INFORMATION SET FORTH ABOVE RE COPLON-S RECRUITMENT AND SHOULD NOT BE QUESTIONED SPECIFICALLY REGARDING CONTACTS BY HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATOR. SUTEL.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: March 8, 1949

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *L*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Father John F. Cronin, S.S., called me at home last evening and stated that he had received a report on March 7, 1949, stating that Alger Hiss was very visibly shaken and deeply disturbed upon hearing of Coplon's arrest. Father Cronin said that his source advanced the opinion that Coplon's arrest may be the missing link which would bring Hiss' espionage activities within the Statute of Limitations. He added that the report of Hiss' being visibly perturbed is a fact. The conjecture that Coplon's arrest may be the missing link is his informant's conclusion.

In response to my request as to the reliability of the source he said that he considered it highly reliable and, in fact, volunteered that it was a member of Congress. He said he was passing this information on to the Bureau for its information and whatever attention it merited.

CC: Jay David Whittaker Chambers' file

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Reference is made to the teletype of the New York Office dated February 26, 1949. The personnel file of the Department of Justice on [redacted] has been reviewed and reflects the following information.

[redacted] an application on June 10, 1943 giving her legal residence as [redacted] New York City, telephone, Schuyler 3-3272. Her application reflects her father's name as [redacted] who was born in Russia and her mother's maiden name as [redacted] who was born in the United States. [redacted] was appointed on June 10, 1943 as an expert in the Anti-Trust Division at New York City. This appointment was effective on June 17, 1943 at which time she took an oath of office. She was actually employed in the Economic Warfare Section at a salary of \$2,000 per annum. An efficiency report dated March 31, 1945 was under a rating by Robert Wohlforth.

[redacted] was recommended for a transfer from the Economic Warfare Section of the War Division of the Department of Justice on June 7, 1945 to employment in the Anti-Trust Division at \$2,000 per annum. The reason for the transfer, according to a communication in the personnel file, was that the New York Office of the Economic Warfare Section was being closed. The transfer was effective on July 1, 1945. [redacted] position was abolished in a letter to her dated March 14, 1946 because of a reduction in personnel. The date of her termination is given as April 15, 1946.

There is no information in the Bureau's files which can be identified with [redacted] with the possible exception of the reference concerning a David Aronow who was a member of IWO Lodge of December, 1946. There are no references on [redacted] or on [redacted]. The only reference on [redacted] appearing in the Bureau's files is the Departmental applicant investigation.

The personnel file of the Department of Justice relative to Sarah Becker who is a contact of Coplon has been reviewed. This reflects that she was born on April 29, 1911 in Milwaukee Wisconsin. She filed an application on November 5, 1942 in which she listed her father as Abraham Becker, born in Kamal, Lithuania, and her mother's maiden name as Anna Zak, born in Gronshek, Lithuania. She listed the following relatives in Government service:

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Major Samuel Becker, blood brother, Ambassador Hotel,  
Chicago, Illinois, Ordnance Explosive and Safety Branch

A. Harry Becker, blood brother, St. Clair Hotel, Chicago,  
Illinois, Attorney for the FCC

Robert Charusoh, cousin, 3059 North Humboldt Avenue, Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin, United States Mailman

Sarah Becker attended the University of Wisconsin from September, 1927 to June, 1934, receiving her PhD in 1935. She was appointed as an expert in the Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice on November 19, 1942 at a salary of \$2400 per annum, payable from the working fund of the Board of Economic Warfare. Her official headquarters at the time of her appointment was given as Chicago but was immediately changed to Washington, D. C. The appointment was effective on January 11, 1943. She was transferred to the Economic Warfare Section in New York City on September 14, 1943. Her efficiency reports as of March 31, 1944 and March 31, 1945 were under a rating by Robert Wohlforth. She was transferred to the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice on June 12, 1945 on the grounds that the New York Office of the Economic Warfare Section was being closed. This transfer was effective on July 1, 1945. She was separated from work in the Anti-Trust Division on April 15, 1946. At that time her address was 4300 Kansas Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C.

In connection with the above references to Sarah Becker's two brothers whom she terms as blood brothers, it is to be noted that information appearing in her personnel file reflects that her parents were naturalized in the United States in 1906. There is no indication that either of them is deceased or that she has any step-parents. Information has been received from Departmental officials to the effect that the Economic Warfare Section of the War Division of the Department of Justice went out of existence as of December 23, 1945. However, it is apparent from the personnel files of the two persons referred to above that the New York Office of the Economic Warfare Section closed during June of 1945. This is also substantiated by the information obtained from Mr. William Van Allen of the Anti-Trust Division in New York City who advised that this section in New York City closed as of June 30, 1945.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. REMYTEL FEB. TWENTIETH LAST ADVISING  
COPLON SPENT AFTERNOON OF FEB. NINETEENTH AT HOME OF

REPORTED THAT THE TWO GIRLS HAD NOT  
SEEN EACH OTHER FOR A LONG TIME. ALTHOUGH TELEPHONE COMPANY HAS  
LISTING AS THE CORRECT FULL NAME IS  
ARE IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN  
FIRST NY LEAD IN NY REPORT DATED JAN. TWENTYEIGHTH LAST. HE IS ASST.  
DIRECTOR MARRIED MARCH  
SIXTEENTH, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN.

NYC. SHE ATTENDED BARNARD COLLEGE OCTOBER,  
NINETEEN THIRTY NINE TO JUNE, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE, GRADUATING SUMMA  
CUM LAUDE, PHI BETTA KAPA. NOTE, THIS IS SAME CLASS IN WHICH COPLON  
GRADUATED. RESIDED NYC WHILE  
IN COLLEGE. HER FATHER IS BORN RUSSIA, MOTHER,  
BORN NYC. ATTENDED CCNY SPRING OF FORTYFIVE TAKING ADULT  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR CONVERSATIONAL RUSSIAN. BELIEVED

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TO HAVE TRAVELLED IN CUBA, PANAMA AND MEXICO DURING FORTYSIX.  
EMPLOYED JUNE FORTYTHREE TO JUNE FORTYFIVE US DEPT. OF JUSTICE,  
WAR DIVISION, ECONOMIC WAR SECTION, DOING ECONOMIC RESEARCH ON INTER-  
NATIONAL CARTELS, GERMAN AND AMERICAN INDUSTRY, REPORTING, INTERVIEW-  
ING AND EDITING. FROM JULY FORTYFIVE TO APRIL FORTYSIX WAS EMPLOYED  
US DEPT. OF JUSTICE, ANTI TRUST DIVISION, DOING RESEARCH AND  
ANALYSIS RE ANTI TRUST VIOLATIONS, TRADE RESTRAINTS, INDUSTRY SURVEYS,  
FILE SEARCHING, REPORT WRITING AND ECONOMIC PREPARATION FOR TRIALS.  
FROM OCTOBER FORTY SIX TO NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN EMPLOYED FEDERAL RE-  
SERVE BANK, FOREIGN RESEARCH DIVISION, DOING ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL  
RESEARCH ON WESTERN EUROPE. REFERENCES IN DEPT. OF JUSTICE [REDACTED] b6  
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GAVE TO BARNARD PLACEMENT SERVICE WERE LAWRENCE ~~S~~ APSEY, FORMERLY  
CHIEF, NY ANTI TRUST DIVISION, PRESENTLY WITH RAYTHEON, WALTHAM,  
MASS., ROBERT ~~W~~ HOHLFORTH, DEPT. OF JUSTICE, NY, NY, PREVIOUSLY MEN-  
TIONED THIS CASE, CHRISTIAN ~~G~~ GRANT, BRYN MAWR, PA., AND T. P. ~~P~~ PEARDON,  
BARNARD COLLEGE. ONLY REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] NY FILES, IS  
INVESTIGATION ENTITLED [REDACTED] DEPARTMENTAL APPLI-  
CANT, EXPERT, WAR DIVISION". NY REPORT SUBMITTED THIS INVESTIGA-  
TION JULY NINETEENTH, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE. ONE REFERENCE TO A [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED], ADDRESS UNKNOWN, MEMBER IWO LODGE  
SIX HUNDRED, DECEMBER, FORTYSIX. NO REFERENCE [REDACTED] BELIEVED  
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THAT [ ] IS EXCELLENT SUSPECT FOR BEING IDENTICAL WITH ~~ZORA~~. NOTE FOLLOWING SIMILARITIES...ZORA PRESUMABLY WORKED WITH COPLON AS SHE ASKED FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON HER AND COPLON-S CONDUCT TOWARD WORK AND PERSONAL CONNECTIONS. IN DECEMBER, FORTY FOUR ZORA THOUGHT THE AGENCY BY WHOM SHE WAS EMPLOYED WAS TO CEASE ITS EXISTENCE ABOUT SIX MONTHS FROM THAT DATE. IN JUNE, FORTYFIVE [ ] WAS PRESUMABLY TRANSFERRED TO A DIFFERENT SECTION IN THE DEPT. IT WAS INDICATED THAT EVEN THOUGH ZORA WAS CAPRICIOUS SHE WAS EXTREMELY SERIOUS AND WELL DEVELOPED. [ ] WAS ONLY TWENTY YEARS OF AGE AT THIS TIME, BUT APPARENTLY AN EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT PERSON, ACCORDING TO SCHOLASTIC RECORDS. PRESUMABLY ZORA ACQUAINTED WITH [ ] WHO WAS IN [ ] GRADUATION CLASS. WFO REQUESTED TO CHECK PASSPORT DIVISION, STATE DEPT., TO SEE IF PASSPORT ISSUED TO [ ] WFO SHOULD ALSO ASCERTAIN WHEN THE ECONOMIC WAR SECTION OF THE WAR DIVISION, DEPT. OF JUSTICE, WENT OUT OF EXISTENCE. WFO OR BUREAU SHOULD EXAMINE DEPT. FILE ON [ ] IF POSSIBLE, AND ASCERTAIN DETAILS OF [ ] TRANSFER OF POSITIONS IN JUNE OR JULY FORTY FIVE, AS NOTED ABOVE. UPON INTERVIEW OF VAN ALLEN, NY WILL DETERMINE IF VAN ALLEN ACQUAINTED WITH [ ] AND WHETHER HE KNOWS DETAILS OF HER TRANSFER, AS WELL AS HOW LONG HIS OFFICE KNEW IN ADVANCE THAT

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THE ECONOMIC WAR SECTION WAS GOING OUT OF EXISTENCE. NY WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO DEFINITELY ESTABLISH WHETHER [REDACTED] IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALTHOUGH FROM INFO AT HAND IT APPEARS THAT HE IS.

HE IS LISTED IN CURRENT DIRECTORY AS RESIDING AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NYC, WITH BUSINESS AT FOURTEEN TEN BROADWAY, WHICH IS LEE KNITWEAR CORPORATION. INVESTIGATION THIS CASE CONTINUING AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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## TWO CHARGES CONFIRMED

**T**HE Coplon-Gubitchev affair—culminating in arrest, finally, on charges of espionage—blows the lid off and provides another look into the operations of "insiders" allegedly working with foreign agents to convey secret information to hostile hands. The case involves aspects similar to those uncovered by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

There are those who have warned that espionage was going on inside the government departments at Washington.

*Some have denied it, or sought to belittle it. Some have called it a "red herring."*

There are those who have warned that subversive aliens—some of them espionage agents—were entering the United States as U.N. attaches.

*Some have denied that, too. Robert C. Alexander of the State Department, an assistant Visa Division chief, was severely reprimanded and almost lost his job for making that charge.*

But what have we in the Coplon-Gubitchev affair? The charge is a combination of the two propositions. The course of action which the FBI finally has been permitted to take—having kept these two under surveillance until suspicions were substantiated—suggests the accuracy of charges 1 and 2. If Judith Coplon, employe of the Justice Department, was furnishing secret documents to Valentine Gubitchev, member of Russia's U.N. delegation, both charges are true: There HAVE been "inside operations" linking U. S. employes with espionage; and U.N. delegations ARE an avenue of access for aliens on subversive activities bent.

**T**HE TWO defendants in this case face arraignment today. The full particulars are not expected to come out. The grand jury will get only such information as is necessary to bind them over for trial. The Russian embassy has been moving heaven and earth to obtain the release of its agent on grounds of "diplomatic immunity."

But the arrest stands. The charge stands. Not lightly does the FBI formulate charges. It must welcome the opportunity, finally provided, to act where circumstances not of its making have hampered it.

The case does something else. Substantiating as it does the nation's impression of dangers INSIDE; an accumulating array of dangers multiplying with laxity toward the infiltration of subversives, it should stimulate efforts to RID the public service of all those whose allegiance is a matter of doubt.

The administration's treatment of this responsibility is far from brilliant. The nation is entitled to the hope that public opinion—if not the sense of danger implicit to development—after development illustrating that danger—will finally have moved it to action for security which these disclosures certainly warrant.

We hope to hear no more that all of this—including substantiating disclosures by the House Committee—is just a "red herring."

"EDITORIAL"

RE: COPLIN-GUBITCHEV - INTERNAL SECURITY  
FROM: THE NASHVILLE BANNER  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 9, 1949

FROM : SAC, Memphis

SUBJECT: EDITORIAL  
THE NASHVILLE BANNER  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Enclosed herewith is an editorial entitled "Two Charges Confirmed", which appeared in The Nashville Banner at Nashville, Tennessee on March 7, 1949. This editorial was written by Mr. CHARLES MOSS, Managing Editor.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 2-24-49

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 4:40 p.m., 2-23-49, Mr. Clive Palmer of the Department called and stated that he was calling at the request of Mr. Peyton Ford with reference to the titled matter. He stated that in the past some deceptive information was furnished to Mr. Ford so that it could be routed into the subject. Mr. Ford thought it would be desirable if additional data of a similar character could be furnished to be placed in the hands of Coplon to see what happens. Such data is receiving study, and a communication will be prepared setting forth some deceptive and false information, disruptive in character.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP R. AT NINE THIRTY FIVE PM, FEB TWENTYSEVEN COPLON ADVISED HER MOTHER THAT SHE WOULD COME TO NY FRIDAY, MARCH FOURTH. MRS COPLON WANTED TO KNOW IF JUDY WOULD BE IN FOR DINNER. JUDY SAID THAT SHE WOULD NOT BUT WOULD TRY TO GET HOME AROUND NINE PM. MRS COPLON ASKED IF JUDY HAD SENT "THAT" IN THE MAIL TO HER. JUDY SAID THAT SHE HAD NOT BUT WOULD WRITE HER MOTHER MONDAY NIGHT AND SHE WOULD GET IT BY WEDNESDAY. DUE TO TIME JUDY STATED SHE WOULD BE HOME, STRONG POSSIBILITY SHE MAY MEET GUBITCHEV AT SEVEN PM. WASH FLD SHOULD SURVEIL HER TO NY AS IN PAST. NY COVERAGE WILL BE SAME.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. WILLIAM VAN ALLEN, OF THE ANTITRUST DIVISION, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED TODAY THAT THE ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION OF THE WAR DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT IN NEW YORK CITY CLOSED ITS OFFICE IN NEW YORK CITY JUNE THIRTY, FORTYFIVE. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT FOR SOME TIME PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL CLOSING IT WAS MORE OR LESS KNOWN IN THE OFFICE THAT SUCH WOULD HAPPEN BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING SUFFICIENT FUNDS. HE FURTHER SAID THAT THIS WAS KNOWN PRIOR TO JAN. ONE, FORTYFIVE. HE FURTHER STATED THAT IT WAS KNOWN SOME TIME IN ADVANCE THAT ONLY PART OF THE EMPLOYEES COULD BE RETAINED. THIS WOULD BE A FURTHER INDICATION THAT ZORA WAS WORKING IN THE ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION AT THE SAME TIME AS COPLON. VAN ALLEN ADVISED THAT THE FEMALE EMPLOYEES IN THE OFFICE WHO SHARED COPLON-S POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY AND WERE CLOSER TO HER THAN THE OTHER EMPLOYEES IN THE OFFICE WERE [REDACTED]

AND VIRGINIA M. HARDNO [REDACTED]

ECONOMIC WARFARE

SECTION, [REDACTED] BUT THIS WILL TAKE AT LEAST ONE WEEK.

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HE FURTHER STATED THAT ROBERT WOHLFORTH AND HAROLD CARTER, OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION, AS WELL AS SIMS CARTER, BROTHER OF HAROLD, AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT IN THE WAR DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN COPLON-S TRANSFER TO WASHINGTON, D.C., WHICH WAS A PROMOTION AS WELL AS A TRANSFER.

VAN ALLEN SAID THAT ~~COPLON HAD REQUESTED THE TRANSFER FROM THE~~ *HAROLD CARTER HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO RESIGN*

DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OF HIS WIFE-S COMMUNIST PARTY CONNECTIONS. VAN ALLEN SAID THAT CARTER PERSONALLY TOLD HIM THAT THE FBI HAD EXAMINED A COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP LIST AT THE COMMUNIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS AND FOUND HIS WIFE-S NAME ON THE LIST. COPLON IN NEW YORK OFFICE ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO TO SEE WOHLFORTH. THE REVIEW OF THE PERSONNEL

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*Correction made above*

JUDITH COPLON, ESP. - R. REMYTEL MARCH ONE. PAGE TWO, LINE SIX, SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS... "VAN ALLEN SAID THAT HAROLD CARTER HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO RESIGN FROM THE".

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. IADD *pl*  
 FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 2, 1949

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
 Mr. Clegg ✓  
 Mr. Glavin ✓  
 Mr. Ladd ✓  
 Mr. Nichols ✓  
 Mr. Rosen ✓  
 Mr. Tracy ✓  
 Mr. Egan ✓  
 Mr. Gurnea ✓  
 Mr. Harbo ✓  
 Mr. Mohr ✓  
 Mr. Pennington ✓  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
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 Mr. Nease ✓  
 Miss Holmes ✓  
 Miss Gandy ✓

At 5:00 P.M., March 1, 1949, I attended a conference in the office of Mr. Peyton Ford. Present at this conference were Mr. Ford and Mr. William Foley of the Department and Mr. Rusk and Mr. Jessup of the State Department.

Mr. Ford addressed an inquiry to the State Department officials as to whether or not it would be proper for FBI Agents to arrest Valentine Gubitchev, a member of the Secretariat of the United Nations, at such time as he was in contact with Coplon. No definite commitments were made but it was agreed that Mr. Rusk and Mr. Jessup would discuss the case with the Secretary of State and that a memorandum would be addressed to the Attorney General reflecting the action that the State Department would approve. From the remarks made it appears that the State Department is particularly interested in whether or not Gubitchev would be prosecuted or whether the State Department would be permitted to, in effect, kick him out of the country. The representatives of the State Department indicated that they could see no particular reason why he could not be arrested and searched to see what material had been passed to him.

In the event he should identify himself as an accredited delegate to the United Nations he could be held long enough to actually verify his credentials. However, they indicated that when his credentials were verified, which should be done immediately, he should be released. At the same time the State Department should be promptly advised so that they could advise the Secretary of the United Nations of his arrest and implication in an espionage matter. He stated it was most important that they notify the Secretary of the United Nations prior to his receiving information concerning the matter from any other source. Mr. Peyton Ford indicated that he wasn't certain that he would want to release Gubitchev unless he could be assured by the Secretary of the United Nations that he would be available.

The State Department also wanted to be certain that his activity was away from the United Nations. As a matter of fact, the contacts he has had with subject Coplon have been considerably removed from any premises coming under the control or use of the United Nations.

Mr. Peyton Ford also pointed out to the State Department representatives that the Department could not guarantee that if Gubitchev were accosted and arrested that incriminating espionage material would be found on him. They were told that it would be entirely possible for subject Coplon to pass any type of paper which would be most innocuous in character and have no relation to espionage, and it should be understood that the arrest of Gubitchev would be made when it appeared that subject Coplon had

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passed to him material which should be examined. However, it was entirely possible that he would be arrested and detained and actually nothing of espionage character was passed.

The State Department officials indicated that in such event they could expect very strong protests from the Soviet Government but they also indicated that even though important material was recovered at his arrest, they could expect the same protests which would be built up by the Soviet Union for propaganda purposes.

The State Department officials indicated that they would make every effort to deliver the memorandum requested by Mr. Ford on March 2.

The technical coverage of Coplon reflects that she will go again to New York this coming Friday. She has advised her mother that she will not be home before 9:00. On previous contacts with Gubitchev she has advised her mother along similar lines.

*Be certain we have the  
specific clearance  
before acting.  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *HB*  
 FROM : D. M. LADD *DL*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 4, 1949

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At 9:20 PM after hearing from Mr. Belmont of the New York Office that the subjects had been together on the bus for some time and that difficulty was being had in maintaining the surveillance and that it was not known whether anything had been passed between the two subjects, I telephonically contacted Mr. Peyton Ford. I advised him of these facts and of the fact that it was not known whether any package had been passed although they had been in the bus for some time and a package could have been passed, although no Agents had been on the bus to observe. I asked him what action he wanted taken in the light thereof.

Mr. Ford said "Give me five minutes to check with the Attorney General and I'll let you know." I asked him to make it as quick as possible inasmuch as it was not known how long the surveillance could be maintained in view of the actions of the two subjects and further, it was not known just when they might separate. Mr. Peyton Ford then said, "I'll make it in two minutes".

In about ten minutes or at 9:33 PM, Mr. Peyton Ford called back and stated that the subjects should be picked up. I asked him if they should still be picked up even though they were separate and no longer together. He stated even though they were separated they should still be picked up.

Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Whitson, Mr. Branigan and Mr. Baumgardner were in the room at the time of this call and Mr. Fletcher, who was holding a line open to New York immediately passed these instructions on to Mr. Belmont. *lm*

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP R. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY WFO WITH BUREAU APPROVAL. — HARRY A. BECKER, ATTORNEY, FCC, SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE OF SUBJ SINCE LATE FORTYTHREE OR EARLY FORTYFOUR IN NY AND WASH, ADVISED THAT ON MARCH TWO LAST DURING DINNER AT SHAPIRO'S APARTMENT IN PRESENCE OF HIMSELF AND SHAPIRO COPLON EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE FBI POSSIBLY HAVING HER PHONE TAPPED AND ASKED BECKER WHAT HE KNEW RE SUCH ACTIVITIES ON PART OF FBI. BECKER ASKED SUBJ WHAT HER CONCERN WAS ABOUT RE SUCH ACTIVITIES ON PART OF FBI AND SHE ASKED IF THEY WOULD LISTEN TO DIRTY STORY WHEREUPON BECKER REPLIED THEY WERE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING BIGGER THAN THAT. SUBJ THEN MENTIONED CLICKING AND HUMMING NOISES SHE HAD NOTICED IN HER TELEPHONE. — — — MISS SARAH BECKER, EMPLOYED AMERICAN NATL RED CROSS, ADVISED SHE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH COPLON SINCE FORTYTHREE WHEN BOTH EMPLOYED BY DEPT OF JUSTICE, NYC. SHE STATED SHE KNEW SUBJ TO BE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH MRS. [REDACTED] WHO HAD BEEN A CLASSMATE OF COPLON AT BARNARD COLLEGE AND HAD ALSO WORKED WITH SUBJ. SHE ALSO STATED THAT ROBERT WOHLFORTH, HEAD OF DEPT OF JUSTICE STAFF IN NY, [REDACTED] ANOTHER ASSOCIATE AND CLASSMATE AT BARNARD, [REDACTED] PRACTICING ATTORNEY IN NYC, AND PAULINE BRAVER OF NYC WERE FRIENDS OF SUBJ. BECKER FURTHER STATED THAT PROF. PITTMAN POTTER WAS COPLON'S FACULTY ADVISOR AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY RE THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THESIS WHICH SHE IS PRESENTLY PREPARING. BECKER NAMED COPLON'S CLOSE FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES IN WASH AS VIRGINIA MARINIO OF ANNAPOLIS, MD, AND NATHAN LENVIN AND HAROLD

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KOFFSKY, DEPT OF JUSTICE ATTORNEYS. BECKER ALSO STATED SUBJ WAS INTERESTED IN MODERN DANCE AND PHOTOGRAPHY AND OWNED EXPENSIVE CAMERA. SHE FURTHER STATED COPLON HAD VISITED NY AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH FOR PAST YEAR FOR PURPORTED PURPOSE OF VISITING PARENTS.

IN HER CONVERSATIONS WITH COPLON THE LATTER SEEMED TO AVOID CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS, ESPECIALLY THE LOYALTY PROGRAM ABOUT WHICH SUBJ WAS VERY SENSITIVE AND SEEMED PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS NOT TO GIVE IMPRESSION TO ANYONE THAT SHE MIGHT BE DISLOYAL TO

GOVT. BECKER SAID SHE HAD HEARD THAT WHILE AT BARNARD COLLEGE SUBJ WAS MEMBER OF QUOTE LIBERAL OR RADICAL UNQUOTE GROUP AND THERE WERE RUMORS TO EFFECT THIS FACT

PREVENTED SUBJ FROM BECOMING MEMBER OF PHI BETA KAPPA. - - - MRS. RUTH NEARENBERG

BLAUSTEIN, FORMER EMPLOYEE, DEPT OF JUSTICE, WASH, DC, ADVISED AS A STENO SHE HAD TAKEN DICTATION FROM COPLON FROM MAY TO OCTOBER FORTYSEVEN. SHE FURNISHED NO FURTHER

PERTINENT INFO. - - - HAROLD DAVID KOFFSKY, DEPT OF JUSTICE ATTORNEY, ADVISED HE HAD KNOWN SUBJ SINCE FEB. EIGHTEEN, FORTYEIGHT, AS A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE. HE HAD OBSERVED

HER COPYING FROM FILES AND ABSTRACTS BUT AS THIS WAS PART OF HER DUTIES WAS NOT

SUSPICIOUS OF HER. SHE ALWAYS APPEARED TO BE QUOTE FLUSH UNQUOTE WITH MONEY AND AT TIMES HAD AS HIGH AS THREE OR FOUR UNCASHED PAY CHECKS IN POSSESSION. - - -

NATHAN B. LENVIN, DEPT OF JUSTICE ATTORNEY, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH SUBJ IN

FAR SECTION OF IDEET SINCE JULY FORTYFIVE. HE SAID RECENTLY ONE NORMAN BURLER, FORMER

DEPT OF JUSTICE EMPLOYEE, AFTER TESTIFYING BEFORE HCUA RE COMMUNIST MATTERS VISITED

COPLON IN HER OFFICE. THE LATTER EXPRESSED GREAT INDIGNATION AFTER HIS DEPARTURE OVER

FACT THAT ANYONE HAVING RED TINGE WOULD VISIT PEOPLE HOLDING RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN

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DEPT. - - - [REDACTED] DEPT OF LABOR EMPLOYEE, FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFO. - - b6  
MRS. RUTH ROSSEN, EMPLOYED DEPT OF JUSTICE SINCE THIRTYFIVE, SAID SHE BEGAN WORK IN b7C  
INTERNAL SECURITY SEC. ONE MONTH AGO AND AT TIME MET SUBJ AS FELLOW EMPLOYEE. HER WORK  
CONSISTED OF REVIEWING FBI INTERNAL SECURITY REPORTS AS TO COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES BY VARIOUS  
INDIVIDUALS, PARTICULARLY LOOKING FOR INFO RE VIOLATIONS BY SUCH INDIVIDUALS FOR WHICH  
THEY MIGHT BE PROSECUTED OR DEPORTED. COPLON HAD FORMERLY DONE THIS WORK AND WITHIN FEW  
DAYS AFTER SHE HAD ENTERED SECTION COPLON ASKED THAT REPORTS MARKED IS-R AND ANY REPORTS  
REFERRING TO OR REPORTING INFO RE INDIVIDUALS CONTACTING FOREIGN LEGATIONS OR EMBASSIES  
BE ROUTED TO HER. - - - HAROLD PAUL SHAPIRO, ATTORNEY, APPELLATE DIV, DEPT OF JUSTICE,  
SAID HE HAD MET COPLON IN AUGUST FORTYEIGHT IN OFFICE OF SYDNEY BRODIE AND HENRY PUTZEL,  
BOTH ATTORNEYS IN DEPT. HE WAS CLOSE SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE OF COPLON AND AWARE OF FACT SHE  
MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO NY, RECALLING SPECIFICALLY THOSE MADE ON JAN. FOURTEEN AND NINETEEN,  
FEB. EIGHTEEN AND MARCH FOUR LAST. COPLONS TRIP ON JAN. NINETEEN MADE PRIMARILY AT HIS  
BEHEST DUE TO FACT HE HAD OBTAINED NY PLAY TICKETS AND REQUESTED SHE ACCOMPANY HIM. HE  
FURNISHED NO FURTHER PERTINENT INFO. - - - MISS ETTA TAYLOR, DEPT OF JUSTICE STENO,  
ADVISED SHE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO TAKE DICTATION FROM SUBJ FOR PAST YEAR AND IN THIS CON-  
NECTION PREPARED DATA SLIPS CONTAINING EXCERPTS FROM FBI REPORTS AT COPLONS DIRECTION.  
COPIES OF DATA SLIPS MADE FOR EACH PERSON OR ORGANIZATION APPEARING IN BODY OF REPORT AS  
UNDERLINED BY SUBJ AND WERE FILED IN CABINETS ALONG WALLS OF ROOM OCCUPIED BY COPLON  
EITHER BY SUBJ OR TAYLOR. TAYLOR SAID SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY PARTICULAR DATA SLIPS FOUND  
IN COPLONS POSSESSION AT ARREST AS HAVING BEEN PREPARED BY HER BUT STATED SHE IS ONLY ONE  
WHO PREPARES SUCH SLIPS AT PRESENT. - - - NONE OF INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED COULD FURNISH  
INFO RE ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES ON PART OF COPLON.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Fletcher *WFE*  
 FROM : R. C. Godfrey  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 3-6-49

Reference attached letter from WFO date 3-6-49 requesting Bureau clearance for interview of various contacts, and associates of subject.

SA R. W. McCaslin

After checking with Mr. Ladd, I called the agent on duty in WFO and advised that the Bureau authorized the interviews of the following:

Bookstaver, Hebard, Mr. and Mrs. Krieger, (Longley,) Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Microutsicos, Nickels, Quint, Stone, Brodie, Hudson, [redacted] Stanton, and Knapp.

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WFO advised the interview of [redacted] would have to be cleared with State Department in view of employment with United Nations.

The interview with Dora Sanders was not authorized until WFO advised nature of indicated employment with "Bureau of National Affairs" advising whether it is international organization which would require State Department clearance.

SA McCaslin said he would clarify this latter point and advise the Bureau in AM on Monday, March 7, 1949.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Clearance be obtained from State Department to interview [redacted] an employee of United Nations and the WFO advised.
2. WFO be followed on employment of Dora Sanders for possible clearance.

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*Cleared with Dept.*  
*Mr. Neal*  
*3/7/49*  
*W.F.O. advised*  
*3/8/49*  
*RAZ*  
*3/11/49*

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 6, 1949

FROM : SAC GUY HOTTEL, Washington Field

SUBJECT: ~~JUDITH~~ JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

It is requested that approval be given to the Washington Field Office for interviewing the following named individuals who are acquainted with the subject:

DAVID R. BOOKSTAVAR - Professor, George Washington University

IRENE HEBARD - Department of Justice

SEYMOUR KRIEGER - FCC

Wife - RITA KRIEGER - 1620 32nd Street, N. W.

Mrs. RUTH LONGLEY - Department of Justice

ISMENE S. MICROUTSICOS - Department of Justice

HORACE J. NICKELS - State Department

MILTON QUINT - ECA

JOSEPH STONE - Labor Department

SYDNEY BRODIE - Department of Justice

[redacted] United Nations

[redacted] Department of Justice

DORA SANDERS - Bureau of National Affairs

HERBERT STANTON - State Department

LAWRENCE K. KNAPP - Former Chief, FARA Section, Dept. of Justice.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *gm* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 7, 1949

*LaPlante*

It is requested that approval be given to interviewing the following named individuals:

CHARLES ROTHSTEIN, Department of Justice  
JONATHAN THURSZ, State Department  
MARY C. LOHR, State Department  
Mrs. ELIZABETH G. JACKSON, State Department  
FRANCOISE G. QUENEAU, State Department  
JAMES E. BOWERS, State Department  
MARY BOBROVICH, formerly State Department  
(possibly 74-04 Woodside Ave., Queens, N. Y.)  
ELIZABETH DEEBLE, State Department  
CARMEL EBB, Atomic Energy Commission  
CHARLES BURKE ELBRICK, State Department, (National War College)  
ALFRED EMMONS HUDSON, Central Intelligence Agency  
VIRGINIA JAMES, State Department  
CHARLES R. GELNER, Library of Congress  
SHEILA McCULLOCH, State Department  
Dr. PITTMAN POTTER, Dean, American University  
BEULAH W. PURSLEY, formerly State Department (possibly Caracas, ✓  
Venezuela, where husband is Commercial Attache)  
MILTON C. REWINKEL, State Department  
HELEN L. SHEINGORN, Department of Justice  
EMIL SCHNELLBACHER, Department of Commerce  
RICHARD W. TIMS, State Department — FS Reserve Officer 1945-47  
GERTRUDE M. SLINDEE, State Department

Referral/Consult

EMMA BROOKS, 694 4th Street, N. W.  
JOHN E. FULLER, JR., 2628 Tunlaw Road, N. W.  
MARIE HIGDON, 3805 Benton Street, N. W.  
ALTON and LENORA G. MEISTER, Grubb Road, Silver Springs, Md.  
MARY McGUGIN, OR 0787

Department of Justice  
Dr. JULIUS FOGEL, 1726 M Street, N. W.  
LOUISE RABBIT, Department of Justice  
EDITH FERRARA, War Department

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*Delaine WFO  
advised ok on  
all but Pursley  
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RW*

*Jack Neal, State,  
advised of those  
in that Dept.  
9:25am 3-8-49  
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REPORT  
of the



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**WASHINGTON D. C.**

SAC, Washington Field

To: There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office and from the New York Office on March 5, 1949. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletypes to the New York and Washington Field Offices March 5, 1949.

JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re:

New York and  
Washington Field

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
65-1128 In Edgar Hoover, Director  
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D-95573, D-95577, D-95576  
D-95587 ET  
YOUR FILE NO.  
FBI FILE NO.  
LAB. NO.

Examination requested March 4, 1949 and March 5, 1949, respectively

Reference: Document - Fingerprint

Examination requested:

Specimens, submitted by the New York Office with a letter dated March 4, 1949.

Fourteen 5 x 5 abstract forms used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, all of which bear typewriting and are further identified as follows:

- Q1 Beginning [ ] who is familiar with the activities of the Russian Embassy...".
- Q2 Name "JACOB LEON CYER, aka JACK CYER" appearing at top.
- Q3 Name at the top "LEONA SARON".
- Q4 Name "DR. ARAMAIIS ARON HOVSEPIAN, was" appearing at the top.
- Q5 Name "PHILLIP LEVY" appearing at the top.
- Q6 Name "WILLIAM J. RAGIN, was", appearing at the top.
- Q7 Name at the top "KRSTIC".
- Q8 Name "CLARA JURAVCOFF", appearing at the top.
- Q9 Name "PAUL JURACOFF", appearing at the top.
- Q10 Name "HAROLD BRENNAN", appearing at the top. *ANNE MARSHALL*
- Q11 Name "STUART LEGG", appearing at the top.
- Q12 Beginning "Subject, in interview, denies knowing Dorothea Keene, ...".
- Q13 Beginning "In March 1948, subject had in her address book the name of Ruth Gruber..."

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Delivered personally to Mr. *Whearty*  
by D.M. Ladd 1:00 p.m. 3/8/49

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Q14 Beginning "Reference teletype indicated that Dept of State..."

Q15 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "ARTKINO 'Admiral NAKHIMOV' was reviewed by the writer at the..."

Q16 Two 5 x 8 sheets bearing typewriting, first beginning "ELI POTASH, was On 7/19/48 subject phoned Confidential Informant [redacted] made...", second beginning "him reporting the theatre to show a Russian musical..."

Q17 Three-page 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, first page bearing typewritten name at the top "Dr. ROBERT LINCOLN LESLIE", second page beginning "though not invited, accompanied Dr. JULIUS HYMAN, to the...", third page beginning "Inasmuch as this investigation has not..."

Q18 Two-page 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, first page bearing typewritten name at the top "LIDIA PAVIL DE PAVIGLI (TACCONI)", second page beginning "In 4/48 received letter from subject, postmarked...", and scop. blank sheet of paper.

Q19 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "MICHAEL WALDEN T-2 advised on 5/20/48 that VICTOR AFANASIEV was in..."

Q20 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "BORIS ATANASSOFF EVANOFF GOUGOFF, was. JACK EVANOFF, JACK EVANS, BORIS ATANASSOFF, etc. Source A stated subject a..."

Q21 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "GEORGE DIMITROV SOTIROV Subject reported by Informant as suspected of working..."

Q22 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "SAMUEL GORDON This investigation based on info that ten American seaman, discharged..."

Q23 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "EUGENIO CHAVEZ BP T-1, advised that subject employed as barber at..."

Q24 Three 5 x 8 sheets bearing typewriting, first page beginning "IRINA (IRADA) EFIMOVNA ALEKSANDER, was BOZHIDAR KOCIMIR ALEKSANDER, was This report predicated on info...", second page beginning "Russian agent in Yugo and Austria prior...", third page beginning "Sill stated that approximately once a month, on..."

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The following ten specimens are on 5 x 8 abstract forms used by the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, all of which are typewritten carbon copies and are further identified as follows:

- Q25 Name at the top "NAPOLI".
- Q26 Name at the top "NOVAYA ZARYA" and "JACOB LOMAKIN".
- Q27 Name at the top "NOVAYA ZARYA" and "VICTOR AFAHASIEV", attached sheet beginning "of four inches by five inches in the newspaper, the...".
- Q28 Name at the top "NOVAYA ZARYA" and "SOZHNEFF".
- Q29 Name at the top "NOVAYA ZARYA", beginning "On Aug. 13, 1948 Source O was interviewed by sp. Agts. ...", attached sheet beginning "White Russian circles. These articles have...".
- Q30 Name at the top "General NICOLAE RADESCU", attached sheet beginning "exiled political leaders were this far unable to get...".
- Q31 Name at the top "KRAMAR", beginning "KRAMAR state to the informant (T-2) that his present...", attached sheet beginning "The (Immigration) file further contained a letter dated...".
- Q32 Name at the top "KRAMAR", beginning "In connection with obtaining his present employment, KRAMAR...".
- Q33 Name at the top "NICHOLAS GEORGE NICHOLAS, w/a".
- Q34 Name at the top "MARIO JOSEPH PEZZOLA".
  
- Q35 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "I have not been able (and don't think I will) to get the...".
- Q36 Long sheet of paper dated "3/3/49", bearing the typewritten name at the top "ALFRED BOYNTON STEVENSON", beginning "I first met 'Stovo', as he is known, in the summer...".
- Q37 Long sheet of paper bearing typewriting beginning "As for Stovo's personality--he is comingly sincere, intelligent, ...".
- Q38 Long sheet of paper bearing typewriting beginning "just previous to coming to Washington she worked as a volunteer...".
- Q39 Sheet of paper bearing handwriting on both sides beginning "Bureau using 2 highly placed Antorg officials as informants..." found in COPLON'S purse inside of a small sheet of paper bound with scotch tape.

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- Q40 Blank sheet of paper found in COPLOH'S purse inside of a small sheet of paper bound with scotch tape.  
 Q41 Cover sheet for "BELLIE-SHARPER STOCKINGS".  
 Q42 Blank 5 1/2 x 6 inches envelope.  
 Q43 Blank 5 1/2 x 6 inches envelope having a piece of scotch tape attached.

D-95577 and D-95576, submitted by the Washington Field Division with a letter dated March 5, 1949.

Known typewriting specimens taken from the following typewriters:

<u>MAKE</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
K1 Royal	KRM2505483	Room 2216, U.S. Dept. of Justice Bldg., Washington, D. C.
K2 Royal	KRM-2562236	Room 2220, U.S. Dept. of Justice Bldg., Washington, D. C.
K3 Royal	KRM 2727750	Room 2218, Dept. of Justice Bldg., Washington, D. C.
K4 Royal	KRM 2726857	Office of Mr. Foley, Room 2214, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Washington, D. C.
K5 Remington Rand		Room 2212, U. S. Dept. of Justice Bldg.
K6 Underwood Noisoloss	N 5580277	Room 2218, Dept. of Justice Bldg., Washington, D. C.
K7 Underwood	G 5559042-11	Room 2222, Dept. of Justice Bldg., Washington, D. C.
K8 L. C. Smith	1A1551153-11	Room 2212, Dept. of Justice Bldg., Washington, D. C.
K9 Underwood	11-6050712	Room 2216, Dept. of Justice Bldg., Washington, D. C.

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<u>MARK</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
K10 Underwood	11-CC60329	Room 2216, Dept. of Justice Bldg., Washington, D.C.
K11 Underwood	11-CC04054	Room 2212, U. S. Dept. of Justice Bldg., Washington, D.C.

K12 Corona Standard Portable typewriter, serial number 101C0116 obtained from subject's apartment, Melan Gardens, Washington, D.C., March 5, 1949.

K13 Typewriting specimens taken from a Corona Standard Portable typewriter, serial number 101C0116.

Delivered personally to SA F. E. NEED March 5, 1949 by SA W. A. DRANICAN of Division 5 on March 5, 1949, *D 45587*

K14 Department of Justice Personnel File of JUDITH COPLON.

#### Results of Examination:

It has been concluded that the handwriting on specimen Q39 was written by JUDITH COPLON, whose known handwriting specimens appear in her Personnel File obtained from the Department of Justice, K14.

It has been concluded that the typewriting on specimens Q1 through Q14 and Q34 were prepared on the Royal elite typewriter, serial No. K122502233, located in COPLON'S office, Room No. 2220, of the Justice Building, Washington, D. C., K2.

It has been concluded that the typewriting on specimens Q15 through Q24 and Q35 through Q38 was prepared on the Corona Standard Portable typewriter, Serial No. 101C0116, obtained from COPLON'S apartment, K12.

It has been concluded that the typewriting on the carbon copies, Q25 through Q28, was prepared on the Royal elite typewriter, Serial No. K122505408, located in Room No. 2216 of the Justice Building, Washington, D. C., K1.

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and D-95587 ET

Specimens Q1 through Q43 were treated for latent fingerprints by a non-staining method. A fingerprint developed on Q43 was eliminated as that of an agent.

The above listed evidence, except for the Corona Portable typewriter, K12 and the Personnel File of JUDITH CAPLAN, K14, will be retained in the Laboratory. K12 will be returned to the Washington Field Office and K14 will be returned to the Security Investigative Division at the Bureau for appropriate disposition.

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and D-25507 ET

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March 7, 1949

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MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: JUDITH COPLON

In connection with the investigation to determine the extent of the espionage activities on behalf of the Soviet Government being engaged in by Judith Coplon, and in an effort to determine who of Coplon's associates may also have been engaged in espionage activities, authorization is requested to place a technical surveillance on [redacted] Virginia, telephone Glebe 7779.

Information has been obtained to the effect that [redacted] was very closely associated with Miss Coplon while he was employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section and that he has continued to be closely associated with her since his employment in the State Department.

I recommend authorization of this technical surveillance in order to determine more fully the activities of [redacted] in connection with the investigation of Judith Coplon.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
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Miss Gandy

cc - Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Fletcher  
Mr. Donohue

RJL:mpd

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*Personally delivered to Peyton  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 6, 1949

FROM : SAC, GUY HOTTEL, Washington Field

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title JUDITH COPLON

Character of Case ESPIONAGE - R

Field Office WFO

Symbol Number

Type of Surveillance (Technical or  
Microphone)

1. Name and address of subject:

Tel - GL 7779

2. Location of technical operation:

KAP

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:

NONE

4. Cost and manpower involved:

NONE - Will be handled by established plant.

5. Adequacy of security:

Adequate

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6. Type of case involved:

Espionage - R

7. Connection or status of subject in the case:

is a very close contact of JUDITH COPLON

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8. Specific information being sought:

Nature of discussions with friends concerning the COPLON case.

9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance:

Interviews of COPLON's friends and contacts have reflected they have been discussing her arrest with each other telephonically.

10. Importance of case and subject:

is a former employee of the F.A.R.S., is a very close friend of COPLON, until her arrest was a frequent contact, had requested information in Justice files from COPLON.

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail):

It is believed that [ ] will discuss his connections with COPLON with other mutual acquaintances.

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12. Risks of detection involved:

Will be operated from established plant.

13. Probable length of technical surveillance:

Six months.

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency):

None known.

15. Remarks:

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

It is recommended that this technical surveillance be installed inasmuch as [ ] was closely associated with Coplon in the Foreign Agents Registration Section and has also been in frequent contact with her since he went to the State Department. [ ] was interviewed but did not furnish much information of value and it is expected that he will be reinterviewed at greater length. There is a good possibility that an attempt may have been made by Coplon or her Soviet superiors to recruit this individual as a Soviet agent. This technical surveillance will be handled from a central plant at a minimum cost to the Bureau and with maximum security. There is attached for your approval a memorandum to the Attorney General recommending the installation of this surveillance.

Attachment.

17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: March 7, 1949

FROM : Mr. Ladd

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was;  
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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

There is attached hereto a memorandum to the Attorney General which outlines in some detail the developments in this case over the week-end which resulted in the apprehension of Judith Coplon and Valentine A. Gubitchev at 9:36 P. M. on March 4, 1949 at 15th Street and 3rd Avenue in New York City. The apprehension had been authorized by Mr. Peyton Ford at 9:35 P. M. on March 4, 1949 after he had consulted with the Attorney General. Both Inspector Fletcher and myself had conferred with him prior to this keeping him advised of the developments in this matter as they occurred.

Following the apprehension of Coplon and Gubitchev they were taken to the New York Office where they were searched. The physical search of Miss Coplon was carried out by female employees of the New York Office. Coplon had in her purse a small flat package resembling a wrapped up pair of hose. This package was found to contain 34 data sheets which were abstracts taken from FBI reports of a Communist and espionage nature. These data sheets are official records of the Foreign Agents Registration Section. They relate to current investigations being conducted by us. Photostatic copies of them are attached as exhibits to the Attorney General's memorandum and to this memorandum. The typing appearing on these data sheets has been identified by the FBI Laboratory with two typewriters used in the Foreign Agents Registration Section and with a portable typewriter which was obtained by a search warrant from Coplon's residence.

In addition there was in this package a handwritten note containing the information which we had sent to Mr. Peyton Ford in a memorandum dated March 3, 1949. This memorandum related to the Amtorg Trading Corporation and contained information of a deceptive nature indicating that we were using an attorney at Amtorg by the name of Isadore G. Needleman as an informant. The memorandum also contained information concerning geophones which are used in making tests relative to the Atomic bomb. This information was obtained and cleared by the Atomic Energy Commission for this purpose. It was supplied in the memorandum which came into the possession of Coplon in an effort to insure that the information being transmitted by her would come within the purview of the espionage statute as relating to the National Defense. There was also contained in the package a three and one half page typewritten memorandum which dealt mainly with biographical data concerning acquaintances of Coplon. She was apparently submitting this material in order to acquaint Soviet Intelligence with persons who might be recruited as Soviet Agents. This memorandum also contained the following quoted paragraph.

Attachment

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"I have not been able (and don't think I will) to get the top secret FBI report which I described to Michael on Soviet & Communist Intelligence Activities in the US. When the moment was favorable, I asked Foley where the report was (He'd previously remarked that he'd had such a report); he said that some departmental official had it and he didn't expect to get it back. Foley remarked there was nothing "new" in it. When I saw the report, for a minute, I breezed through it rapidly, remember very little. It was about 115 pages in length; summarized first Soviet "intelligence" activities, including Martens, Lore, Poyntz, Altschuler, Silvermaster et. al. It had heading on Soviet UN delegation but that was all I remember. The rest of the report I think was on Polish, Yugo, etc. activities and possibly some info on the CP,USA."

In connection with the data sheets which she had in her possession and which are official records of the Foreign Agents Registration Section it can be assumed that Coplon has been furnishing information of this character over a period of years and has therefore furnished information relative to many important Bureau investigations. Instructions have been issued to the Washington Field Office to have an immediate inventory made of these data sheets to determine the extent of the information which Coplon may have passed particularly relating to important Soviet espionage investigations. The New York Office and the Washington Field Office are instituting immediate interviews with persons whom we know to be closely associated with Coplon. A number of these interviews have already been conducted by Agents of the Washington Field Office.

You will be advised of any pertinent information which is developed through these interviews and other investigation of this matter being conducted.

RECOMMENDATION:

There is attached a memorandum to the Attorney General outlining the recent developments in this matter.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. SA T. SCOTT MILLER, JR. APPEARED BEFORE  
FEDERAL GRAND JURY SITTING IN SDNY ONE THIRTY PM TODAY. WAS MERELY  
SWORN IN AND IDENTIFIED AS AGENT OF BUREAU WHO WORKED ON INSTANT CASE.  
GJ THEN EXCUSED AND WILL RECONVENE MARCH NINE, NEXT, AT TEN A.M. TO  
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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. REMYTEL THIS DATE, RELATIVE TO THE PRESENT-  
MENT OF THIS CASE TO THE GJ ON MARCH NINE FORTYNINE AT TEN AM. MR.  
WHEARTY OF THE DEPT STATED HE DESIRED TO HAVE MEMORANDA OR REPORTS  
REFLECTING THE INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE IN ORDER THAT THE CASE  
COULD BE PROPERLY HANDLED BEFORE THE GJ. HE ALSO WISHES THAT WFO  
BE ADVISED THAT AGENTS WHO CONDUCTED SURVEILLANCES AND CONDUCTED IN-  
VESTIGATION IN THIS CASE MAY BE REQUIRED AS WITNESSES STARTING WED-  
NESDAY, MARCH NINE, BEFORE THE GJ. MR. WHEARTY ALSO WANTED TO KNOW  
THE RESULTS OF THE LABORATORY EXAMINATION RELATIVE TO THE DOCUMENTS  
OBTAINED UPON THE APPREHENSION OF COPLON. THE NYO IS SUBMITTING A  
JOINT REPORT ON COPLON AND GUBITCHEV SETTING OUT THE BACKGROUNDS OF  
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TAINED ON TECHNICALS WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE WFO ALSO IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT A REPORT COVERING ITS INVESTIGATION OF COPLON AND WHICH SETS OUT ONLY THAT INFORMATION OF A DEFINITE PROSECUTIVE VALUE. MR. WHEARTY ADVISED THE NYO THAT MR. T. J. DONEGAN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS WORKING ON THE INSTANT MATTER WITH HIM AND CONSEQUENTLY MR. WHEARTY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE *NY* COPIES OF REPORTS DESIGNATED FOR MR. DONEGAN IN NY.

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cc. Mr. *Fletcher*  
Mr. *Harbo*



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MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: JUDITH COPLON

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In connection with the investigation to determine the extent of the espionage activities of Judith Coplon and to determine if, since her apprehension, she attempts to reestablish contact with her Soviet principals, authorization is requested to place a technical surveillance on [redacted] Washington, D. C., telephone Hudson 9499.

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Information has been obtained previously through investigation indicating the very close association between Miss Coplon and [redacted]  
[redacted]

I recommend authorization of this technical surveillance in order to develop further pertinent information in this investigation.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc - Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Fletcher  
Mr. Donohue

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 6, 1949

FROM : SAC, GUY HOTTEL, Washington Field

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title JUDITH COPLON

Character of Case ESPIONAGE - R

Field Office WFO

Symbol Number

Type of Surveillance (Technical or  
Microphone)

1. Name and address of subject:



- telephone - HUDSON 9499

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2. Location of technical operation:

Consolidated

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:

None

4. Cost and manpower involved:

None. - Will be handled by established plant.

5. Adequacy of security:

Adequate

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6. Type of case involved:

Espionage - R

7. Connection or status of subject in the case:

[ ] is probably one of COPLON's closest contacts in Washington

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8. Specific information being sought:

To ascertain nature of [ ] discussions with his friends and contacts concerning JUDITH COPLON.

9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance:

It has been stated a number of people have called him since COPLON's arrest.

10. Importance of case and subject:

[ ] has been seeing COPLON practically every day since before Christmas, 1948. She has spent a number of nights in his apartment and he has registered as man and wife in hotels in Baltimore and Philadelphia with her.

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail):

It is believed various individuals will be contacting  for information on the status of the COPLON case.

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12. Risks of detection involved:

Will be operated from established plant

13. Probable length of technical surveillance:

Until the trial of JUDITH COPLON

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency):

None known

15. Remarks:

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

It is recommended that this technical surveillance should be installed on [redacted] inasmuch as he was intimately associated with Miss Coplon prior to her apprehension and may have more knowledge of her activities than our investigation to date has reflected. He has been interviewed and did not furnish any information of pertinence. He indicated, however, that he intended to contact her if she were released on bail. This technical surveillance will be handled from an established plant at minimum cost to the Bureau and maximum security. There is attached a memorandum to the Attorney General recommending the authorization of this surveillance.

Attachment

17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:

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The Attorney General

March 7, 1949

The Director, FBI

JUDITH COPLON, WAS -  
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Reference is made to the memorandum of Mr. Peyton Ford, the Assistant to the Attorney General, dated March 3, 1949, in connection with this matter regarding the expected meeting between Judith Coplon and Valentine A. Gubitchev on the evening of March 4, 1949 in New York City, at which time a transmission of information or documents relating to the national defense or Government material or information might be effected. As you know, this meeting did take place and resulted in the apprehension of both Coplon and Gubitchev. I am summarizing hereinafter briefly the results of the investigation in this matter to date.

#### INSTITUTION OF THE INVESTIGATION

The investigation of Judith Coplon was instituted on December 30, 1948, after a conversation between Inspector Howard Fletcher, of this Bureau, and Mr. Peter Brown which resulted in the identification of Judith Coplon as a person who, according to a highly confidential and reliable informant, was recruited by Soviet intelligence to act as an espionage agent in the Fall of 1944.

#### FIRST MEETING BETWEEN COPLON AND GUBITCHEV

On January 14, 1949, Judith Coplon left Washington, D. C. en route to New York City on the Pennsylvania Railroad under surveillance by Special Agents of the Washington Field Office. She arrived in New York City at 4:50 PM and was observed to get off Coach No. 3911 of that train, at which time the physical surveillance of her was taken over by Agents of the New York Office. She proceeded immediately to the ladies' restroom on the main level of Pennsylvania Station, arriving there at 4:57 PM. She left at 5:40 PM and it was observed that she was not carrying her overnight bag. It is known that there are steel lockers for checking purposes immediately to the right of the exit of the ladies' room where she could have checked her overnight bag.

Coplon next went to the lower level of Pennsylvania Station and entered the Doubleday Book Shop where she was observed looking at various books. At 5:50 PM she left the book shop and entered the Station Drug Store, directly across the arcade from the book shop. She waited for a few moments for a seat at the lunch counter, then ordered something and was observed reading the New York "Star" newspaper. At 6:02 PM she left the drug store and entered the

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IRT subway, next boarding a northbound Seventh Avenue Broadway express. At 6:40 PM she left the subway train at the 191st Street subway station in Manhattan and took the elevator to the street level. Coplon then walked north on St. Nicholas Avenue to Wadsworth Avenue, turned left and followed Wadsworth Avenue around in a curve to the intersection of 192nd Street and then east on 192nd Street back to St. Nicholas Avenue, thereby circling the irregularly shaped block between these two streets. She then walked south on St. Nicholas Avenue to West 188th Street, where she crossed the avenue and entered the drug store on the northeast corner of that intersection. She was in the drug store a very short time and upon leaving walked west on 188th Street to Wadsworth Terrace, turned right and walked north to Fairview Avenue. She then turned left (west) and walked down the dimly lighted, winding hill on Fairview Avenue to Broadway. She then turned north on Broadway and proceeded one block to 193rd Road, stopping on the northwest corner of this intersection.

Coplon waited approximately ten minutes at the intersection in a dark corner, whereupon an unidentified man came up from the south on Broadway and after a brief greeting they walked together in a northerly direction along Broadway. They turned on Hagie Avenue, walked to Dyckman Street and then west on Dyckman Street. Coplon and the unidentified man entered the Deluxe Restaurant, an Italian food restaurant, at 143 Dyckman Street at 7:25 PM.

At 8:15 PM the two left the restaurant, the man having paid the check. They walked west on Dyckman Street to Sherman Avenue and turned left on Sherman Avenue to Broadway and then south on Broadway. During this walk Coplon was engaged in animated conversation with the man, stopping several times to wave her hands vigorously and on several occasions appeared to be emphasizing her point by waving a folded newspaper. After crossing to the west side of Broadway they walked along the park edge to the south end of Fort Tryon Park on Broadway where they stood on a corner for several minutes. The two of them then walked up to and entered the tunneled entrance to the 191st Street station of the Independent Subway System.

They boarded a downtown express train and sat together conversing until the train reached the 125th Street stop. Just before the doors closed the man hurriedly left Coplon, left the subway, crossed the platform and boarded a downtown local train, at which point the surveillance of Coplon was discontinued. The man rode to 116th Street where he got off the subway, went up to the street level, which is in the Harlem Section of New York, and engaged a taxi between 115th and 114th Street. The taxi turned west on 114th Street and proceeded to 116th Street and Broadway, where the man got out of the cab and entered a Broadway Seventh Avenue IRT Subway Station. The surveillance of him at this point was discontinued in view of the fact that it appeared that he was attempting to determine if he were being surveilled.

This man was identified on the following day through pictures of Soviet United Nations personnel as Valentine A. Gubitchev. Also, on January 15, 1949, he was observed entering the UN Delegation Building at 680 Park Avenue.

Valentine Alekseevich Gubitchev, with aliases: Valentin A. Gubichev, Valentin Goubichev, arrived in the United States at New York City on July 20, 1946, being described as the Third Secretary of the Secretariat, USSR, the United Nations. The June 1, 1948 United Nations telephone directory lists Gubitchev as connected with the Planning Office of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Room 607 of the Manhattan Office of the United Nations at 405 East 42nd Street, New York City. Gubitchev resides with his wife, Lidiya Nazarovna Gubitcheva, at 64 West 108th Street, New York City. Gubitchev's daughter, Violetta, returned to the USSR on July 31, 1948 on the SS Pobeda.

#### SECOND MEETING BETWEEN COPLON AND GUBITCHEV

On February 18, 1949 Judith Coplon took a train to New York City and was under surveillance by Agents of the Washington Field Office. She arrived at Pennsylvania Station, New York City, at 6:35 PM where the surveillance was taken over by Special Agents of the New York Office. She proceeded by subway to 190th Street and Broadway. En route she opened her purse which was noted by a Special Agent to contain several sheets of onionskin paper bearing typing. Valentine A. Gubitchev was observed leaving his home at 7:05 PM and thereafter proceeded to go through numerous maneuvers in an effort to determine if he were being surveilled. The surveillance of him was thereafter temporarily discontinued.

However, both Coplon and Gubitchev were observed at 8:00 PM at 192nd Street and Broadway, Coplon crossing the street diagonally to meet Gubitchev. As they met she had her hand in her purse and Gubitchev reached out his hand. Special Agents on the surveillance did not actually see anything pass between the two persons in view of the need for the use of discretion on the surveillance and the darkness of the street. Coplon then continued up the street and Gubitchev appeared to be watching to see if she were being followed. The physical surveillance reflected that Coplon then went to her parents' home at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

#### PREPARATION OF MATERIAL OF A DECEPTIVE NATURE

In addition to the steps being taken within the Foreign Agents Registration Section to protect material in that section and the investigative coverage being given Coplon by us after this investigation was instituted, it was deemed desirable to furnish to Coplon material of a deceptive nature. A memorandum dated January 27, 1949 from me to Mr. Peyton Ford was delivered to Mr. Ford by Inspector Howard Fletcher on January 31, 1949. This memorandum was regarding the Amtorg Trading Corporation and contained material of a deceptive nature.

THIRD MEETING BETWEEN COPLON AND GUBITCHEV

Judith Coplon under surveillance by two Special Agents of the Washington Field Office left Washington, D. C., on the Pennsylvania Railroad at 1:00 P.M. on March 4, 1949. She arrived at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in New York City at 5:35 P.M. At this point the physical surveillance was taken over by Special Agents of the New York Office. Miss Coplon proceeded to check her overnight case in locker number 1935 on the lower level of the Pennsylvania Station. A highly confidential informant advised that there was nothing in this bag of a pertinent nature.

Judith Coplon then walked through the Pennsylvania Station to Seventh Avenue, turning north and walking up Seventh Avenue to 37th Street. She then retraced her steps to a bar at 491 Seventh Avenue. She entered the bar and remained there ten minutes. She then left the bar and walked north on Seventh Avenue to 42nd Street and proceeded west on 42nd Street to Eighth Avenue. At 6:10 P.M. she boarded an Eighth Avenue subway train, northbound. At 6:35 P.M. she left the train at 181st Street in Manhattan, whereupon she proceeded a short distance with other persons leaving the station and then doubled back and walked over to a deserted portion of the station platform to another exit. At this point the surveillance was necessarily discontinued temporarily.

The surveillance was again reinstituted at approximately 6:48 P.M. with Judith Coplon walking north on Broadway at 157th Street. She continued north to 193rd Street where she stopped on the southeast corner of 193rd Street and Broadway, arriving there at 7:00 P.M. She remained in this vicinity walking in a limited area until 7:28 P.M. when she started walking south on Broadway.

Valentine A. Gubitchev was observed leaving the United Nations Office

at 405 East 42nd Street, New York City at 4:50 P.M. accompanied by an unidentified man. At 5:05 P.M. it was necessary to drop the surveillance of him due to the fact that he was checking to determine if he were being surveilled, making it impossible to follow him with discretion in the rush hour crowds. At 7:23 P.M. Gubitchev was observed coming out of the subway exit at 191st Street and Broadway. He proceeded to 193rd Street and Broadway to a drug store on the northeast corner.

At this time which was at 7:25 P.M. Coplon was in a cigar store on the southeast corner of the same intersection. At 7:27 P.M. Gubitchev came out of the drug store and walked down Broadway to 192nd Street where he remained at a bus stop allowing several buses to go by. At 7:29 P.M. Coplon left the cigar store and walked south on the east side of Broadway while Gubitchev remained at 192nd Street on the west side of Broadway. At 7:45 P.M. Gubitchev took a southbound bus and immediately dropped off at 189th Street and walked south on the west side of Broadway. Meanwhile Coplon started walking north on Broadway. At 7:51 P.M. they met between 188th and 187th Streets. She continued walking past him. He stopped, but she brushed past and threw her head back toward him over her shoulder. Gubitchev waited a minute or two and then proceeded after her walking north. He overtook her just south of 190th Street. They walked together for about four steps and then drew apart. She slowed her steps and went to the inside of the sidewalk, while he walked more rapidly next to the curb. He proceeded north to Broadway to Magle Avenue where he is believed to have caught a northbound bus on Broadway at which time the surveillance of him was no longer possible.

Coplon in the meantime turned left at 190th Street for a block and then doubled back to Broadway and took the IRT subway tunnel to the 191st Street and St. Nicholas Avenue stop. Here she boarded a southbound IRT subway train which she left at 42nd Street and Seventh Avenue. She proceeded to the street where she stood on the northwest corner of Seventh Avenue and 42nd Street. She stood there about three minutes and then walked one block north on Seventh Avenue and doubled back and took her original position on 42nd Street. About ten minutes later at approximately 8:40 P.M. she started west on 42nd Street towards Ninth Avenue and at this point Gubitchev was observed following her, apparently checking to see if she were being surveilled. He remained behind her until they reached Ninth Avenue when he passed her and ran for a southbound bus on Ninth Avenue and she followed him running, boarding the same bus.

Through the bus number obtained by the surveilling agents it was possible to pick up the surveillance at 22nd Street and Ninth Avenue, the bus going south. At 14th Street both Coplon and Gubitchev left the bus and walked east on 14th Street frequently looking behind them. At Eighth Avenue they entered the BMT subway Canarsie line and were the first persons to enter the empty train. The train remained in the station for about ten minutes. They occupied two seats facing in different directions and when the subway train reached Third Avenue stop they left the subway hurriedly just before the doors shut. Surveillance was again discontinued through necessity.

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At 9:34 PM Coplon and Gubitchev were again located at Fifteenth Street and Third Avenue still checking for a possible surveillance. At 9:35 PM following a conference between Assistant Director D. M. Ladd and Mr. Peyton Ford, authorization was telephonically given to the New York Office to apprehend the two persons. At 9:36 PM they were apprehended and immediately taken to the FBI offices, U. S. Court House, Foley Square.

#### RESULTS OF SEARCH AND INTERROGATION OF COPLON AND GUBITCHEV

Following their arrival at the New York Office of this Bureau, Coplon and Gubitchev were thoroughly searched. Two female employees of the FBI conducted the actual physical search of Coplon. In her purse there was found a small flat package resembling a wrapped pair of hose. Upon an examination of this package it was found to contain numerous data sheets (abstracts) of FBI reports relative to Communist and intelligence information. These data sheets are regularly prepared in your Foreign Agents Registration Section. In addition, there was a handwritten note containing the information appearing in the Amtorg Trading Corporation memorandum which had been addressed to Mr. Peyton Ford and dated March 3, 1949. This package also contained three and one-half pages of typewriting, which set forth the background of individuals known to Coplon. In this typewritten material Coplon also commented on her inability to secure a Bureau summary on espionage and intelligence activities, although she stated she had previously glanced through the summary. The material described above as found in her possession is attached as an exhibit to this memorandum.

The search of Gubitchev reflected he had in his possession a plain white envelope containing \$125 in American currency. He claimed that he was to use this in the purchase of a stove.

The interview of Coplon did not produce any information of pertinency inasmuch as she refused to answer any questions except those relating to her background. The interrogation of Gubitchev also failed to develop any information of substance. He denied being with Coplon and stated he had never met her previously.

The interviews with Gubitchev and Coplon were terminated at 2:35 AM at the suggestion of Mr. Raymond Whearty, Assistant Attorney General, in view of the difficulty being experienced in arranging an immediate arraignment.

#### ARRAIGNMENT OF COPLON AND GUBITCHEV

At 4:45 AM both Coplon and Gubitchev appeared before Judge Rifkind who advised them of their rights and asked whether they were represented by attorneys. As neither had an attorney the hearing was adjourned to enable

them to call attorneys and they were allowed to make telephone calls to attorneys. At 6:40 AM they were again brought before Judge Rifkind. At this hearing Coplon was represented by Lester Levin, an attorney. Gubitchev still had no attorney. Judge Rifkind set bail at \$10,000 for Coplon and advised that she would have an additional hearing at 11:00 AM to enable her to obtain a more experienced counsel. No bail was set for Gubitchev and he was allowed until 11:00 AM to secure counsel. In lieu of bail both Coplon and Gubitchev remained in the custody of the FBI. Gubitchev contacted the Soviet Delegation of the United Nations and advised of his arrest. At 8:04 AM of the same day Mr. Oscar Schachter, attorney for the UN, was admitted to talk briefly to Gubitchev with the approval of Mr. Whearty. Schachter then called the Soviet Delegation of the UN. Shortly after 8:00 AM Leonid A. Morozov, the First Secretary to the Russian representatives to the UN, and his assistant, George Chuchkov, appeared at the New York Office and requested to speak to Gubitchev. They were handled by Mr. Whearty who declined to let them see Gubitchev unless it was to arrange for an attorney. There was some difficulty reaching an understanding because these individuals claimed they did not speak English.

At 11:00 AM, March 5, 1949, Coplon and Gubitchev were taken to Room 318, the District Court of Judge Rifkind. Upon ascertaining that attorneys were not present for either of them, Judge Rifkind recessed until 11:35 AM, at which time Bertram J. Adams appeared as an attorney for Coplon. No counsel appeared for Gubitchev although he advised Judge Rifkind that he had expected counsel. The Government requested \$50,000 bail for Coplon and \$100,000 bail for Gubitchev. Judge Rifkind set bail at \$20,000 for Coplon and \$100,000 for Gubitchev, stipulating that when Gubitchev obtained counsel he could apply for a reduction in bail if the arguments so warranted. Coplon waived examination and was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal. In the absence of counsel for Gubitchev the Judge held that Gubitchev would not waive examination and set his hearing for March 16, 1949. Judge Rifkind advised that if he obtained counsel and so desired, he could waive examination in advance of March 16th.

#### IDENTIFICATION OF TYPEWRITING AND HANDWRITING

In connection with the exhibits which are attached, you will note that there are thirty-four data sheets which are abstracts of FBI reports. These data sheets were numbered, initialed and dated by the Special Agents who found them in the possession of Coplon. These data sheets are apparently official records of the Foreign Agents Registration Section. The typing appearing on

these data sheets has been identified with two typewriters in the Foreign Agents Registration Section. It has been concluded by the FBI examiner that items one through 14 and Item 34 were prepared on a Royal elite typewriter located in Miss Coplon's office. Items 25 through 33, which are carbon copies, were prepared on a Royal elite typewriter located in Room 2216, two doors from Coplon's office. Items No. 15 through No. 24 and the typewritten memorandum dated March 3, 1949 were prepared on a Corona portable typewriter which was located in Coplon's apartment on March 5, 1949, pursuant to a search warrant obtained on March 5, 1949 from the U. S. District Commissioner.

The handwriting appearing on the notes abstracting information from this Bureau's Amtorg memorandum of March 3, 1949 has been identified as Miss Coplon's handwriting.

#### FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED

We contemplate interviewing numerous persons whom we have determined through investigation to be contacts of Coplon. Some of these persons are presently employed in the Department of Justice and others are former employees. Some of these interviews have already been conducted and where pertinent you will be furnished the results. You will be separately advised of the developments in connection with this matter which have a diplomatic aspect.

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.....IMMEDIATE ATTENTION MR. D.M. LADD.....

JUDITH COPLON, WAS, ET AL, ESPIONAGE-R. REMYTEL TODAY. LOUIS NEMZER, WORTHINGTON, OHIO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF ARTICLE APPEARING IN TODAYS COLUMBUS CITIZEN STATING "SPY HUNTERS HAVE ALREADY LINED UP A MID-WEST UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR FOR THE ROLE OF STARTING -OR STARTLING- WITNESS IN THE COPLON CASE. THE PROFESSORS NAME IS NOT DISCLOSED. HE ONCE WORKED AS A CONSULTANT TO THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION OFFICE. HE RESIGNED IN NINETEEN FORTYSIX BECAUSE HE SAID THE DIVISION WAS PRO-RUSSIAN AND PRO-COMMUNIST." NEMZER CLAIMS THIS RELEASE DOES NOT REFER TO HIMSELF BUT MIGHT REFER TO ONE STEPHEN NAMCHUR WHO WAS FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION OFFICE AND WHEN LAST KNOWN TO NEMZER WAS A PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AT WAYNE UNIVERSITY, DETROIT. NAMCHUR DID RESIGN ABOUT NINETEEN FORTYSIX AND WAS RESENTFUL AT LEAVING DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER NEMZER WOULD BE SURPRISED IF NAMCHUR SAID DEPARTMENT OR FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION DIVISION WAS PRO-RUSSIAN OR PRO-COMMUNIST. DETROIT NOT ADVISED.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, with aliases  
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DATE: March 7, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 9:55 a.m., March 7, 1949, Mr. Jack Neal of the Department of State phoned and informed Supervisor Whitson that he would appreciate receiving any information from the Bureau obtained as a result of interviews with various State Department employees in connection with the Coplon matter which would make it necessary or desirable for the Department of State to take appropriate security steps such as to prevent such employees from obtaining classified information.

ACTION:

Mr. Neal was advised that we would keep his request in mind during the course of our interviews.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP R, SOVME. NYT FIVE ONE TWO ADVISED MARCH EIGHTH THAT SUBJECTS BROTHER, BERT COPLON, IS DISSATISFIED WITH JUDITHS PRESENT ATTORNEY, BERTRAM ADAMS, AND INTENDS MAKING A CHANGE BY TWO PM TODAY. ON ADVICE OF COPLONS COUSIN, AN ATTY BY THE NAME OF MR KAYE, BERT COPLON IS CONSIDERING TWO NY LAWYERS, BERTRAM WEGMAN AND HAROLD CORBIN. IT APPEARS MOST LIKELY COPLON WILL EMPLOY WEGMAN. THE ATTN OF THE BUREAU IS DIRECTED TO FACT THAT BERTRAM WEGMAN WAS INTERVIEWED IN ARTHUR ADAMS CASE RE HIS UNCLE WHO HAD AN AGREEMENT WITH ARTHUR ADAMS TO FURNISH THE LATTER FUNDS UNDER GUISE OF SALARY. AT TIME OF THAT INTERVIEW WEGMAN ADVISED HE WAS A FORMER ASST US ATTY AND DEPT OF JUSTICE AIDE IN WASHINGTON AND THAT HE HAD HEARD OF ARTHUR ADAMS CASE FROM HIS FRIENDS IN DEPT OF JUSTICE. INFORMANT FURTHER ADVISES ZER-TRAM COPLON STATED HE NOW HAS SUFFICIENT BAIL TO EFFECT JUDITHS RELEASE BUT WANTS THIS KEPT A SECRET UNTIL A CHANGE OF LAWYERS IS COMPLETED HE INTENDS TO HAVE THE RELEASE TAKE PLACE AT APPROX: TWO PM, MARCH EIGHTH. BERTRAM COPLON STATED THAT ON SUBJECTS RELEASE HE DESIRED TO SEND HER AWAY WHERE SHE WOULD BE QUIET BUT WOULD STILL HAVE THE PROTECTION OF FBI AND POLICE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, Washington Field

To: There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 7, 1949. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype to Washington and New York Field Offices dated March 7, 1949.

JUDITH COPLON  
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Re:

J. Edgar Hoover  
65-15328n Edgar Hoover, Director  
65-98365  
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YOUR FILE NO.  
FBI FILE NO.  
LAB. NO.

Washington Field

Examination requested by: Letter dated March 7, 1949

Reference: Document

Examination requested:

- Specimens:
- K15 One box of Write carbon paper, 8" x 10 1/2", manufactured by Write, Inc., Bridgeport, Connecticut, containing black lightweight carbon paper.
  - K16 Two sheets of white mottled-finish paper, approximately 7 1/2" x 10 3/4".
  - K17 Four sheets of thin white paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2".
  - K18 Two pieces of white bond paper torn on one edge, approximately 8" x 5 1/2".
  - K19 One 3" x 5" bound pad of white paper containing 13 pages.

Results of Examination:

It has been concluded that the paper specimens, Q36, Q37 and Q38 and the paper taken from the subject's room, described above as K17, came from the same original source. This conclusion is based on evidence found that all of these sheets of paper were cut with the same knife. In addition all of the sheets of paper were found to have the same physical properties with respect to size, thickness, color, finish, transparency and fluorescence.

The other paper specimens submitted, K16, K18 and K19, were not similar to any of the other questioned paper previously submitted, K1 through K43. It is noted that one sheet of K18 contained a portion of a Government watermark.

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None of the carbon paper, K15 had been used. Because of the common type of carbon paper used to prepare specimens Q25 through Q33, which are the only questioned carbon copies thus far submitted, it was not possible to determine whether the carbon paper used to prepare Q25 through Q33 was of the same type as K15.

Specimens Q1 through Q43 are described in the Laboratory report dated March 7, 1949 and were submitted by the New York Office with a letter dated March 4, 1949.

Specimens K15 through K19 will be returned to the Washington Field Office as soon as appropriate photographs of K17 have been made. No photographs of the other specimens will be retained in the Laboratory.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

DATE: 3-8-49

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Miss Gandy	_____

ASAC Belmont of New York called at 1:40 P.M. today and advised that it has been learned through the technical surveillance on Coplon's residence that her brother, Bertram, has indicated that he will attempt to arrange Coplon's release on bail at 2:00 P.M. today. Mr. Belmont stated that he would notify the Bureau immediately if this were done.

The possibility of maintaining a physical surveillance in the event she were released this afternoon was mentioned to Mr. Belmont. He stated that he considers such a step highly undesirable. He explained that she undoubtedly will be in the presence of her attorney and her brother and probably newspaper reporters will be endeavoring to contact her. Mr. Belmont said that in his opinion he did not feel that Coplon would make any contacts of any significance to the case. He feels that if any such contacts are to be made, they probably would be handled either by her brother or some intermediary. Mr. Belmont added that, of course, the Bureau's instruction in this regard would be carried out, that he desired the Bureau to have the benefit of his observation.

I told him that this matter would be discussed with the appropriate Bureau officials and if a surveillance were deemed advisable or necessary, appropriate instructions to this effect would be issued.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. IN FALL OF NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN COPLON SPENT TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS AT A VACATION CAMP IN MARYLAND KNOWN AS CAMP LETTS. CAMP IS OWNED BY YMCA BUT DURING THAT PERIOD WAS OPERATED BY THE WASHINGTON POTOMAC COOPERATIVE FEDERATION AS A VACATION SPOT FOR ITS MEMBERS. COPLON WAS AT THE CAMP DURING LABOR DAY WEEKEND. COPLON WENT TO THE CAMP WITH AN UNKNOWN BOYFRIEND WHO WAS ABOUT HER AGE AND SPENT MOST OF HER TIME AT THE CAMP WITH HIM. COPLON LIVED IN CABIN FOR SINGLE GIRLS WITH SEVEN OTHER GIRLS. BOYFRIEND LIVED IN CABIN FOR SINGLE MEN. IN SAME CABIN WITH MISS COPLON WAS MISS ANNE MARIE DAVIS WHO WAS ALSO AN OFFICIAL OF THE CAMP AND MAY HAVE MAINTAINED CAMP RECORDS. DAVIS IS LIBRARIAN AT U.S. NAVAL INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL, WASH., D.C. AND IS A WAVE RESERVE OFFICER. IS PRESENTLY ON RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING DUTY AT BROOKLYN NAVY YARD. SHE IS STAYING AT ONE EIGHT FOUR E NINETYFIFTH ST., TELEPHONE TRAFALGAR SIX DASH THREE FIVE TWO ONE. INTERVIEW DAVIS AS TO COPLON, HER ASSOCIATES AND PARTICULARLY THE IDENTITY OF COPLONS UNKNOWN BOYFRIEND.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ON JAN TWENTYFOUR  
NINETEEN FORTYNINE ADVISED THAT COPLON REQUESTED JOSEPH ~~X~~ STONE TO TAKE A BOTTLE  
OF SCOTCH TO SID ~~X~~ BERMAN IN NEW YORK. IT IS NOTED THAT COPLON HAD BEEN IN NEW  
YORK JAN. NINETEEN THRU TWENTYTHREE AND MAY HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BERMAN ON  
THAT TRIP. BERMAN IS SUBJECT NEW YORK FILE ONE TWENTYONE DASH ONE FOUR TWO TWO.  
HE IS PRESENTLY ON LEAVE WITHOUT PAY FROM DEPT. OF LABOR AND ENGAGED IN LAW  
PRACTICE AT TWO TWENTYFIVE W. FIFTYSEVENTH ST., NYC AND RESIDES AT THREE FORTY  
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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. SOVME. RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL MARCH FIFTH  
LAST. [ ] INTERVIEWED AT FIELD OFFICE THIS MORNING.  
STATED THAT SHE MET COPLON ONE AND ONE-HALF TO TWO YEARS AGO AND HAS  
SEEN HER ONLY EIGHT OR TEN TIMES SINCE. BELIEVES SHE FIRST MET COPLON  
THROUGH BEATRICE BRAUDE /PH/ A STATE DEPT EMPLOYEE NOW IN FRANCE.  
BRAUDE IS SINGLE, LIVED IN APARTMENT ON MOZART PLACE WHILE IN WASH-  
INGTON, BUT FAMILY RESIDES IN NYC. [ ] CONTACTS WITH COPLON  
CONSISTED OF OCCASIONAL LUNCHEON AND DINNER ENGAGEMENTS, INCLUDING  
ONE AT COPLON-S APARTMENT AND ONE PARTY AT [ ] APARTMENT. [ ]  
LAST SAW COPLON DURING LUNCHEON DATE AT ALFONSO-S RESTAURANT, WASH-  
INGTON, THREE OR FOUR MONTHS AGO. BELIEVES SHE MAY ALSO HAVE MET  
COPLON AT ONE OR MORE PARTIES IN WASHINGTON SHORTLY AFTER INITIAL  
MEETING, BUT CANNOT SPECIFICALLY RECALL ANY SUCH PARTIES. NO ONE  
ELSE PRESENT DURING ANY MEETINGS WITH COPLON EXCEPT AT PARTY IN [ ]  
[ ] APARTMENT WHERE GUESTS WERE [ ] FRIENDS. [ ] DOES NOT  
KNOW COPLON-S FAMILY OR ANY OF COPLON-S FRIENDS. BELIEVES ONLY MU-  
TUAL FRIEND IS BEATRICE BRAUDE. [ ] STATES SHE HAS NEVER SEEN

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COPLON IN NYC. DESCRIBED ACQUAINTANCE WITH COPLON AS QUOTE GROWING FRIENDSHIP UNQUOTE BASED ON MUTUAL INTEREST IN MUSIC, LITERATURE, ETC. [ ] CLAIMS NO KNOWLEDGE OF COPLON-S POLITICAL VIEWS OR ACTIVITIES. STATED THAT LAST CONTACT WITH COPLON WAS TELEPHONE CALL FROM COPLON IN WASHINGTON EARLY LAST FEB. DURING THIS CALL COPLON MENTIONED THAT SHE WAS THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED. ALSO SUGGESTED POSSIBLE MEETING WITH [ ] IN NYC DURING WEEKEND OF FEB. EIGHTEENTH. MEETING WAS INDEFINITE BECAUSE COPLON HAD OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND [ ] WAS UNCERTAIN HOW LONG SHE [ ] WOULD BE STAYING IN NY. COPLON GAVE [ ] HER BROOKLYN TELEPHONE NUMBER BUT [ ] LEFT NY ON FEB. EIGHTEENTH AND DID NOT USE IT. [ ] BORN [ ] [ ] WASHINGTON, DC. HAS RESIDED WASHINGTON ALL HER LIFE. NOW RESIDES WITH FAMILY AT [ ] FATHER, [ ] EMPLOYED USPO. MOTHER, [ ] IS DENTIST, UNEMPLOYED. BOTH PARENTS BORN IN RUSSIA, NATURALIZED WASHINGTON OR BALTIMORE APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN TWENTY. [ ] EMPLOYED AS INFORMATION SPECIALIST, OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY, WASHINGTON, DC, UNDER W. OLIVER KINCANNON, SINCE NINETEEN FORTYFIVE. PRESENTLY SPENDING MOST OF TIME IN NYC ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT DOING RADIO AND MAGAZINE PROMOTION. RESIDING

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CORNISH ARMS HOTEL, TWENTYTHIRD STREET AND EIGHTH AVENUE, NYC.

HOLDS BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, NINETEEN FORTY. FORMERLY EMPLOYED KITT MUSIC COMPANY, RESEARCH DIVISION IN LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, RECORDING LABORATORY, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, OFFICE OF EDUCATION, FSA, AND WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION, ALL WASHINGTON, DC. DENIES PAST OR PRESENT MEMBERSHIP IN ANY ORGANIZATION EXCEPT NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION.

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TO : MR. FLETCHER *HBT*  
 FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON CASE

DATE: March 8, 1949

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Peyton Ford called me on March 7 and wanted to know if any information of value had been obtained from the Department employees who were interviewed in connection with the Judith Coplon case. I advised him that the general reaction had been that they had no knowledge that Coplon was taking home material or in any way cooperating with an outsider; that the general reaction was one of amazement. *Luff*

Mr. Ford stated that he had information that a former employee of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Lou ~~Nemzer~~, might have furnished a statement concerning the Foreign Agents Registration Section in 1946 to the House Committee on Unamerican Activities. He requested that the Bureau files be checked to see if they contained any pertinent information and suggested that Nemzer might be interviewed.

Later, Mr. Foley from the Department came to my office and inquired as to whether it was all right for his section to resume normal business for the purpose of primarily determining whether there was any others in the section who might be suspected. I advised Mr. Foley I could not advise him with reference to this inasmuch as I didn't even know the names of the other people in his section. He stated that there were only three others left, an attorney named Lenvin, a Mrs. Eldred and a Miss Taylor.

Later in the day, Clive Palmer called me and advised that it was believed that Stephen W. ~~Mamchur~~, who was now with Wayne University, was the individual who had furnished a statement in 1946 to the House Committee on Unamerican Activities rather than Lou Nemzer.

It is suggested that the Bureau files be checked for any information on this and that it might be well to interview Mamchur. *DL*

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. MRS. NANCY W. GALLAGHER, HALL MANAGER,  
MIDNIGHT SHIFT, JEFFERSON HALL, MCLEAN GARDENS, WHICH IS RESIDENCE OF SUBJECT,  
PRESENTLY RECUPERATING FROM ILLNESS AT RESIDENCE HER SISTER, ONE NAUGHT THREE  
NAUGHT W. FRANKLIN ST., RICHMOND, APT. THIRTYSIX. INTERVIEW IMMEDIATELY RE  
ANY INFO CONCERNING ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE, R. REWFOTEL MARCH EIGHT, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. [ ] ADVISED HE FIRST MET SUBJECT JAN. OR FEB. NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THROUGH [ ] CLASS-MATE OF SUBJECT, BARNARD COLLEGE. [ ] SOLICITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE AS BLIND DATE FOR COPLON AT [ ] REQUEST AND ATTENDED TRUDY SHUTE /PH/ BALLET, CONSTITUTION HALL. NEXT SAW SUBJECT AT CHICKEN HUT, WASHINGTON, D.C. IN EARLY SUMMER NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT AND STARTED DATING HER. HAD A NUMBER OF DATES AT BEACH DURING JULY AND AUGUST. RECALLS THAT SUBJECT HAD THEN RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TRIP TO ITALY. [ ] THEN HAD DISAGREEMENT WITH SUBJECT AND DID NOT AGAIN SEE HER UNTIL ABOUT EARLY DEC. NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT. [ ] STATED HE LEFT WASHINGTON, D.C. DEC. EIGHTEEN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT AND TELEPHONED COPLON TO SAY GOODBYE. THEY SETTLED THEIR DIFFERENCES AND [ ] INVITED HER TO ONE OF FAREWELL PARTIES GIVEN HIM. HE ASKED HER TO TELEPHONE HIM WHEN SHE CAME TO NYC. SHE CALLED HIM AT CHRISTMAS AND THEY ATTENDED A BALLET AT NYC CENTER. THEY MADE A DATE FOR JAN. FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYNINE. ON THAT DATE [ ] TOOK HER TO DINNER AT TOWN HOUSE SOMEWHERE ON LONG ISLAND.

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THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS FRIEND FRED BLANK AND A GIRLFRIEND. BELIEVES SUBJECT RETURNED FOLLOWING WEEK AND HE TALKED TO HER ON TELEPHONE AND ASKED HER TO TELL HIS FRIEND JOSEPH STONE TO BRING HIM A BOTTLE OF SCOTCH ON HIS NEXT TRIP FROM WASHINGTON AS HE HAD HAD A HALF CASE OF WHISKEY STOLEN FROM HIS AUTO. STONE HAS MET COPLON ON ONE OCCASION IN JULY NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT AT A BEACH PARTY. WAS TO HAVE ANOTHER DATE WITH SUBJECT WEEK OR TWO BEFORE WASHINGTON-S BIRTHDAY BUT SHE CANCELLED IT. THIS WAS LAST CONTACT WITH SUBJECT.

[ ] STATES COPLON WAS ENJOYABLE COMPANION. SHE NEVER DISCUSSED OR EXPRESSED ANY INTEREST IN POLITICS, IDEOLOGIES, WORLD AFFAIRS, OR THE LIKE. [ ] UNDERSTOOD HER TO BE IN REGISTRATION DIVISION OF JUSTICE DEPT., BUT THOUGHT PERTAINED TO REGISTRATION OF LOBBYISTS. SHE NEVER DISCUSSED HER WORK. DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE PARTICULAR FRIENDS OTHER THAN [ ] APPRENTICE TRAINING SECTION OF LABOR DEPARTMENT AND [ ] WHO HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED. SUBJECT INDICATED TO [ ] THAT SHE HAD A STEADY BOY-FRIEND IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BUT DID NOT IDENTIFY HIM. [ ] DURING INTERVIEW, SAID HE HAD CONSIDERED MARRYING SUBJECT IN SUMMER OF NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. [ ] STATES UNABLE TO COMPREHEND OR ACCOUNT FOR SUBJECT-S REPORTED ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES AS SHE SEEMED DISINTERESTED IN POLITICS AND BEING HIGHLY EMOTIONAL, DID NOT IMPRESS HIM AS SUITABLE FOR SUCH WORK.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: March 9, 1949

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. Raymond P. Whearty of the Department called at 5:30 P.M. on March 8, 1949, and advised that he was reviewing the report submitted in this case by the WFO. He said that it would be necessary to have [redacted] in New York at 10:00 A.M. on the morning of March 9 for the purpose of testifying before the Grand Jury. Mr. Whearty indicated that it was the desire of the Government to present this case as thoroughly and rapidly as possible and it is hoped that the presentation would not take more than a day or two, which means that [redacted] should not be detained in New York later than March 10, 1949.

Mr. Whearty stated that from his review of the Washington Field Office report thus far he finds that [redacted]

[redacted] he undoubtedly would note other information which would have to be presented to the Grand Jury and that he would communicate with me to advise what further testimony was desired. Mr. Whearty did state that [redacted] in this case would, of course, be a necessary Grand Jury witness.

The substance of Mr. Whearty's conversation was made known to Mr. Ladd. In accordance with his instruction I called Supervisor Delavigne of the WFO and told him that [redacted] who could testify to the above information would be necessary witnesses before the Grand Jury in New York City at 10:00 A.M. on March 9. Mr. Delavigne said that [redacted] who could testify to [redacted]

[redacted] who can testify [redacted] In addition, Mr. Delavigne pointed out that [redacted]

[redacted] I requested that he also report to the New York Office by 10:00 A.M. on March 9.

I also called Mr. Don Parsons of the FBI Laboratory and advised him of Mr. Whearty's request that [redacted] report to the Southern District of New York at 10:00 A.M. on March 9, 1949.

CC: Mr. D. J. Parsons

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Mr. Nease.....  
Miss Gandy.....

WASHINGTON AND WFO FROM NEW YORK 1 9 12-07 AM  
DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JUDITH COPELON, ESP. - R. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT HELEN MC NEALIS,  
NYC HOUSE OF DETENTION FOR WOMEN, ADVISED THAT SUBJECT HAD NOT YET  
BEEN RELEASED ON BAIL AS OF FIVE THIRTY PM TODAY. MC NEALIS STATED  
THAT SUBJECT MADE UP A LIST OF HER PERSONAL POSSESSIONS IN WASHINGTON,  
D.C. FOR HER ATTORNEY, BERTRAM ADAMS, WHO VISITED HER AT THREE TEN PM  
TODAY AND THAT SHE LISTED AN ACCOUNT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
CREDIT UNION IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WFO REQUESTED TO VERIFY THE EXIST-  
ENCE OF SUCH ACCOUNT IN COPELON'S NAME IF THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN DONE.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: March 9, 1949

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *L*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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At 5:40 P.M., March 8, 1949, I called ASAC Belmont of New York to inquire whether there was any change in Coplon's status, that is, whether her family had succeeded in making bail. I told Mr. Belmont that the Washington Field Office was particularly interested in knowing whether Coplon had made bail in connection with its proposed interview with  of the State Department.

At 5:50 P.M. Mr. Belmont called back and stated that a check had disclosed that Coplon was still in jail and there was no indication that her family had succeeded in raising the necessary bail.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: March 9, 1949

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *L*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 6:00 P.M. last night I called ASAC Belmont and advised him that the question of whether a surveillance should be maintained on Coplon in the event she were released on bond had been presented to the Director, who advised Mr. Ladd that no surveillance should be conducted.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. ANNE MARIE DAVIS INTERVIEWED MARCH NINTH AND STATED SHE FIRST MET COPLON AROUND LABOR DAY NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN AT CAMP LETTS, MARYLAND. DAVIS SAID COPLON CAME THERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK AND STAYED UNTIL END OF FOLLOWING WEEK. DAVIS ADDED THAT THIS WAS A VERY SMALL CAMP CONSISTING OF MARRIED COUPLES AND THEIR FAMILIES AND SEVEN OR EIGHT SINGLE GIRLS. THESE GIRLS ALL LIVED IN SAME CABIN. DAVIS IS ALMOST POSITIVE COPLON CAME TO THE CAMP ALONE STATING THAT SHE WOULD POSITIVELY REMEMBER IF COPLON HAD COME WITH A MAN SINCE SUCH A SITUATION WOULD HAVE BEEN HIGHLY UNUSUAL AT THIS CAMP. HER ACTIVITIES AT CAMP CONSISTED PRINCIPALLY OF SPORTS AND SHE DID NOT ASSOCIATE TO ANY EXTENT WITH ANYONE ELSE AT THE CAMP AND DAVIS KNOWS OF NO SINGLE MEN WHO WERE AT THE CAMP AT THAT TIME. DORA SANDER TOLD DAVIS AT THE CAMP THAT COPLON HAD SAID SHE HAD COME FROM AN EXCLUSIVE RESORT IN NORTH CAROLINA WHERE SHE HAD BEEN REFUSED ADMITTANCE BECAUSE OF HER RACE AND AS A RESULT HAD RETURNED TO WASHINGTON AND THEN WENT TO CAMP LETTS, SAYING THAT SHE HAD RECOGNIZED DAVIS-S NAME ON A BROCHURE OF THE CAMP AND KNEW FROM

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BARNARD ALUMNI MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON THAT DAVIS WAS A BARNARD ALUMNUS. DAVIS STATED THAT SHE GRADUATED FROM BARNARD IN NINETEEN THIRTYONE. SHE FURNISHED THE NAMES OF OTHERS LIVING IN THE CABIN WITH COPLON AND THEIR ADDRESSES. BUREAU AND WFO CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF INTERVIEW OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. THEY ARE DORA SANDER, FOUR TWO ZERO SIX KAYWOOD DRIVE, MT. RAINIER, MARYLAND, TELEPHONE UN ZERO TWO EIGHT ZERO. HER OFFICE IS AT THE BUREAU OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS, MRS. URCEL DANIEL, TWO TWO TWO TWO EYE STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC, TELEPHONE RE TWO EIGHT SIX EIGHT, MRS. JANE B. VOLCKAUSEN, TWENTIETH AND N STREETS, WASHINGTON, DC. DAVIS SAID SHE LAST SAW COPLON ON FEB. FIFTEENTH LAST AT A BARNARD ALUMNI MEETING AT THE GOOD EARTH RESTAURANT IN WASHINGTON, DC.

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Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 53 9 11-05 P PM

DIRECTOR URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R: BERT COPLON, BROTHER OF JUDITH, HAS INDICATED IN CONVERSATION WITH AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE AND IN INFO REPORTED BY NYT FIVE ONE TWO THAT HE HAS HAD NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE RELATIVE TO JUDITH-S IMPLICATION IN SOVIET ESPIONAGE AND THAT HE HIMSELF IS ANTI COMMUNIST. IN CONVERSATION WITH AGENTS HE EXPRESSED UTTER CONTEMPT FOR GUBITCHEV AND USSR. HE AND THE COPLON FAMILY ARE AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND HOW JUDITH BECAME INVOLVED. BERT COPLON FURTHER STATED HIS ONE BIG FEAR IS THAT HIS SISTER MIGHT POSSIBLY BE INVOLVED AND IS PROTECTING SOMEONE WHO IS MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH EVENT HE WOULD WANT HIS SISTER TO EXPOSE THOSE INDIVIDUALS IMMEDIATELY. BERT COPLON FURTHER STATED HE ADMITTED HE WAS PREJUDICED IN FAVOR OF HIS SISTER BUT THAT IF SHE WERE GUILTY HE HOPED SHE GOT EVERYTHING THAT WAS COMING TO HER. THESE STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY BERT COPLON VOLUNTARILY WHILE HE WAS WITH AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE EN ROUTE TO PENN STATION MARCH FIFTH LAST TO WITNESS AGENTS TAKING JUDITH-S SUITCASE FROM THE LOCKER SO THAT IT COULD BE TAKEN TO HER AND OPENED IN HER

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PRESENCE. THE AGENTS MADE NO ATTEMPT TO ELICIT ANY INFO FROM BERT COPLON AT ANY TIME. BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZED THIS OFFICE TO APPROACH BERT COPLON IN DISCREET MANNER AND CONVEY TO HIM THE SUGGESTION THAT HE SHOULD USE HIS INFLUENCE IN ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE HIS SISTER TO FURNISH FBI FULL DETAILS CONCERNING HER IMPLICATION IN THIS MATTER. IT WILL BE EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT THIS BUREAU CAN MAKE NO PROMISES TO EITHER BERT OR JUDITH FOR LENIENCY IN THIS REGARD. HOWEVER, IF SHE IS COOPERATIVE, APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF DEPT OF JUSTICE WILL BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY FOR SUCH CONSIDERATION AS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE. THIS MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SPEC ASST TO AG T. J. DONEGAN AND RAYMOND WHEARTY. THEY APPROVE THE APPROACH.

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CC Mr. T. J. Donegan

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M. J. D.  
D. J. D.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field  
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLIN  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 9, 1949

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Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Gurnea.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Jones.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

Remy request dated March 6, 1949, for a Technical surveillance on the residence of [redacted], telephone HUDSON-9499. Verbal authority was given by the Bureau for the installation of this surveillance on Tuesday, March 8, 1949.

This is to advise you that this installation was made at approximately 5:00 P. M. on March 8, 1949. Symbol number C-600 has been assigned to this surveillance. This installation will be handled by the Consolidated Plant.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: March 9, 1949

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Remy request dated March 6, 1949, for a technical surveillance on the residence of [REDACTED] Virginia, telephone number GLebe-7779. Verbal authority was given by the Bureau for the installation of this surveillance on Tuesday, March 8, 1949.

This is to advise you that this installation was made at approximately 4:00 P.M. on March 8, 1949. Symbol number C-599 has been assigned to this surveillance. This installation will be handled by the KAP Plant.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
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Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *1187*

DATE: March 10, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*SUBJECT: *Judith Coplon*

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Peter Brown called and advised that he had received a telephone call from Sam Boykin of the State Department relative to the article in the "Times Herald" written by Ed Nellor indicating the possible arrest of a State Department employee.

Mr. Boykin stated he was concerned about this and inquired as to whether Mr. Brown knew anything about the matter. Mr. Brown indicated to Boykin that he would communicate with me and Boykin indicated that this would not be necessary, that this could be checked into through their own channels.

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Mr. Glavin.....  
Mr. Ladd.....  
Mr. Nichols.....  
Mr. Rosen.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Gurnea.....  
Mr. Harbo.....  
Mr. Mohr.....  
Mr. Pennington.....  
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....  
Mr. Nease.....  
Miss Gandy.....

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DIRECTOR AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD U R G E N T

JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL MARCH NINE LAST.

MRS. NANCY W. GALLAGHER REPORTED TO BE PRESENTLY IN GEORGE WASHINGTON  
HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, DC. INTERVIEW. RUC.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *HBT*

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON *σ*

DATE: March 10, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Mr. Gus Vanech called and stated he understood that the Bureau was checking on a girl employee in the Anti-Trust Division concerning this matter. He stated he would like to suggest that we also check on one Sara Becker in the Anti-Trust Division. He stated that he did not want any record made of the fact that he had made this suggestion and he had no facts to substantiate his request. *La. Officer*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

DATE: March 10, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HB*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Re New York teletype of March 9, 1949, requesting authority to conduct an interview with Bert Coplon, brother of Subject Coplon.

At 2:30 p.m. today, I advised ASAC Belmont, New York, that authority was granted to conduct the interview with Bert Coplon along the line indicated in the referenced teletype. I told him that caution should be taken to see that no promises were made. Mr. Belmont stated that the interview with Bert Coplon would be handled promptly.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 10, 1949.

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HB*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 6:30 p.m., March 9, 1949, Mr. William E. Foley of the Department advised me that the press release of the HCUA on the previous day, in which it was stated that they had advised the Department about two years ago of the disloyalty of Coplon, had been the subject of discussion and research in the Department. They were unable to find any record showing that the HCUA had furnished any information to the Department about Coplon. Mr. Foley advised that there was a reference in the HCUA release to a letter dated in September, 1946. It was located and was determined to be the Committee's request for authority to go through the files relating to some Polish matters. The Committee was not authorized to go through the files. Mr. Foley stated that the Attorney General was planning to make a press release denying the statements of the HCUA to the effect that they have furnished the Department information about Coplon and had alerted the Department about her.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. T. Harbo *RB M*

DATE: March 10, 1949

FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo *RB*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington

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Mr. Nease  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

On March 9, 1949, [ ] appeared before the Grand Jury, which is convened at New York and is presently considering the above case, [ ]

[ ] returned to Washington on the next available train following his testimony.

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For Immediate Release:  
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1949

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Attorney General Tom C. Clark today announced that a Federal Grand Jury in New York City indicted Judith Coplon and Valentine A. Gubitchev on a four-count indictment charging them with conspiracy to defraud the United States Government.

Copy of the indictment is attached.

The Government's case was presented to the Grand Jury by United States Attorney John F. X. McGohey and Special Assistants to the Attorney General Raymond P. Whearty and Thomas J. Donegan.

The Attorney General said that prior to Miss Coplon's arrest no Committee of Congress had been in communication with the Department of Justice concerning the activity of Judith Coplon.

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Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

JUDITH COPLON AND VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV

: CRIMINAL NO.

: VIOLATIONS: Title 18,  
Sections 371, 793, 794, U.S.  
Code

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The Grand Jury charges:

1. That on or about January 1, 1949, and for some time prior thereto, the exact time being to the grand jury unknown, and continuously thereafter up to and including the date of the filing of this indictment, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, the defendants herein, unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly, did combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and with each other, and with divers other persons to the grand jury unknown, to violate the provisions of Sections 793, 794 and 2071, Title 18, United States Code, and to defraud the United States (1) by impairing, impeding, obstructing and hindering the lawful functions of the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and (2) of and concerning its right to the honest, conscientious and faithful services of the defendant JUDITH COPLON as an employee of the Department of Justice.

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2. It was a part of said conspiracy that the defendant JUDITH COPLON, being then and there an employee of the Department of Justice, for the purpose of obtaining information respecting the national defense and with intent and reason to believe that the information was to be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, would copy, take, make and obtain documents, writings and notes relating to the national defense, to wit, documents, writings and notes containing intelligence reports relating to espionage and counter-espionage activities in the United States.

3. It was a further part of said conspiracy that for the purpose of obtaining information respecting the national defense, the defendant VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV would receive and obtain and agree and attempt to receive and obtain from the defendant JUDITH COPLON documents, writings and notes relating to the national defense as aforesaid, the defendant VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV knowing and having reason to believe at the time he would receive and obtain and agree and attempt to receive and obtain them that they had been and would be obtained, taken and made by the defendant JUDITH COPLON contrary to the provisions of law.

4. It was a further part of said conspiracy that the defendant JUDITH COPLON, being an employee of the Department of Justice and in such capacity lawfully having possession of, access to, and being intrusted with documents, writings and notes relating to the national defense as aforesaid, would wilfully communicate and transmit and attempt to communicate and transmit the same to persons not entitled to receive them.

5. It was a further part of said conspiracy that the defendant JUDITH COPLON, with intent and reason to believe that they would be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, would communicate, deliver and transmit and attempt to communicate deliver and transmit to the defendant VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, a subject and citizen of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, directly and indirectly, documents, writings, notes and information relating to the national defense as aforesaid.

6. It was a further part of said conspiracy that the defendant JUDITH COPLON would wilfully and unlawfully remove and conceal, and with intent to do so take and carry away records, papers and documents filed and deposited in the Department of Justice, and that the defendant VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV would aid, abet, counsel, induce and procure such removal.

In pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, the defendants did do and commit, among others; the following:

OVERT ACTS

- (1) On or about January 14, 1949, in the County and Southern District of New York, the defendants JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV did meet and confer.
- (2) On or about February 18, 1949, in the County and Southern District of New York, the defendants JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV did meet and confer.
- (3) On or about March 4, 1949, in the County and Southern District of New York, the defendants JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV did meet and confer.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.)

COUNT II

The Grand Jury further charges:

That on or about March 4, 1949, in the Southern District of New York, JUDITH COPLON, herein named as defendant, lawfully having possession of, access to, and being intrusted with documents, writings, and notes relating to the national defense, to wit, documents, writings and notes containing intelligence reports relating to espionage and counter-espionage activities in the United States, did wilfully attempt to communicate and transmit said documents, writings, and notes relating to the national defense to Valentine A. Gubitchev, who was then and there a person not entitled to receive the same.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 793.)

COUNT III

The Grand Jury further charges:

That on or about March 4, 1949, in the Southern District of New York, VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, herein named as defendant, for the purpose of obtaining information respecting the national defense did unlawfully attempt to receive and obtain from Judith Coplon, documents, writings, and notes relating to the national defense, to wit, documents, writings and notes containing intelligence reports relating to espionage and counter-espionage activities in the United States, the said defendant well knowing and having reason to believe at the time he attempted to receive and obtain the said documents, writings, and notes that the same had been and would be obtained,



taken, and made by Judith Coplon contrary to the provisions of Chapter 37 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 793.)

COUNT IV

The Grand Jury further charges:

That on or about March 4, 1949, in the Southern District of New York; JUDITH COPLON, herein named as defendant, with intent and reason to believe that they would be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, did attempt to communicate, deliver, and transmit to Valentine A. Gubitchev, a subject and citizen of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, directly and indirectly, documents, writings, notes and information relating to the national defense, to wit, documents, writings and notes containing intelligence reports relating to espionage and counter-espionage activities in the United States.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 794.)

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JOHN F. X. MCGOHEY  
United States Attorney

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RAYMOND P. WHEARTY  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General

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THOMAS J. DONEGAN  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General

For Immediate Release:  
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1949

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Attorney General Tom C. Clark announced tonight that FBI agents had arrested Judith Coplon, 27, an employee of the Department of Justice, and Valentine A. Gubitchev, 32, a member of the Russian delegation to the United Nations, in New York City, on charges of conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States pertaining to the removal of Government records and to defraud the United States of the faithful and impartial services of Miss Coplon.

The Attorney General said: The FBI investigation, under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover, culminating in the arrests, was originally initiated as a part of the Federal Employee Loyalty Program; an extensive investigation was initiated. The resulting investigation disclosed clandestine meetings between Miss Coplon and Gubitchev. Gubitchev is described as the Third Secretary of the USSR Secretariat of the United Nations assigned to the Manhattan Office of the United Nations. Continued investigation disclosed that Miss Coplon's activities on March 4, 1949 paralleled her activities prior to other meetings with Gubitchev and, accordingly, her activities were closely scrutinized from the moment she departed from Washington at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, en route to New York City.

Director J. Edgar Hoover stated that FBI agents observed extreme caution on the part of Miss Coplon from the moment she arrived in New York City until her contact with the Russian U.N. employee. From 7:23 P.M., when both appeared at the appointed meeting place at 193rd Street and Broadway, until after 9:00 P.M., both of these individuals avoided direct contact while they employed the numerous techniques used to detect surveillance. They

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finally effected a contact when both dashed aboard a bus near 42nd Street. The two were taken into custody on 3rd Avenue between 14th and 15th Streets.

Miss Coplon had concealed in her purse a flat package containing typewritten summaries of information abstracted from confidential documents involving security data and restricted information.

The Attorney General, immediately upon being informed by the FBI of Miss Coplon's suspected affiliations, insured against the misuse of restricted information coming into the possession of the Department.

As the investigation progressed the Attorney General, department officials, Director J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI, and State Department officials closely cooperated in bringing the case to a conclusion. Since Gubitchev was an employee of the United Nations Secretariat, the matter is being discussed between State Department officials and officials of the Secretariat.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Fletcher *HST*

DATE: March 10, 1949

FROM : L. R. Pennington *B*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Walter Sanford, Jr. telephoned me late yesterday evening and stated that he had heard [ ] talking about a Bernard College Alumni get-together on the evening of March 10th. He further stated that she made a telephone call to Executive 7050, which he believes to be the American Architectural Society.

Sanford stated that [ ] had informed Miss Mildred S. Barber that she was with Judith Coplon 60% of the time.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HB*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS. ET AL  
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DATE: March 11, 1949

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In accordance with your request, there is attached a memorandum setting forth a summary of pertinent information in the Bureau files pertaining to Nathan Elliff who was referred to by Lou Russell, investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, as one of the persons in the Department concerning whom the Committee had received derogatory information.

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NATHAN THOMAS ELLIFF - *Summary*

Background:

A Departmental Applicant investigation was conducted concerning Elliff in 1940, as a result of a request from Mr. Mathew F. McGuire, the Assistant to the Attorney General. The investigation disclosed that he was born at Pekin, Illinois, July 20, 1905. He attended Pekin Community High School from September, 1919, to June, 1923, and graduated with honors. He entered the University of Illinois, September 17, 1923, transferred to the law school, September, 1925, and received his LL.B. Degree on June 13, 1928. He was admitted to the Illinois State Bar October 11, 1928, and was associated with his father in the practice of law in Pekin from 1928 to 1930. For several months during 1930, he was employed in the New Business Department of the St. Louis Union Trust Company, St. Louis, Missouri, and subsequently returned to Pekin and was again associated with his father in the practice of law. He acted as State's Attorney of Tazewell County, Illinois, from 1932 to 1936.

The investigation failed to disclose any derogatory information except that he had a speech impediment and lacked vigor in presenting cases in court.  
(77-10663)

Employment in the Department:

Elliff's personnel file in the Department indicates that he first took the oath of office on August 20, 1940, as principal attorney in the Criminal Division. On April 29, 1943, he was made a Special Assistant to the Attorney General in the Criminal Division. On April 29, 1944, he was classified as an attorney in the Criminal Division and on March 16, 1945, was again classified as Special Assistant to the Attorney General in the Criminal Division. As of June 16, 1945, he was again classified as an attorney and he resigned on April 4, 1947. As of December 7, 1942, he was referred to as the Assistant Chief of the Internal Security Section and in May, 1946, was referred to as Chief of the Internal Security Section, and in addition to his duties in that regard was carrying the duties and responsibilities of the Chief of the Foreign Agents Registration Section. He is also referred to in the Bureau's files as Chief of the Foreign Agents Registration Section during 1946, and as Chief of the Internal Security Section. (62-28280-159; 62-64178-499; 65-56402-1672; 62-56597-398)

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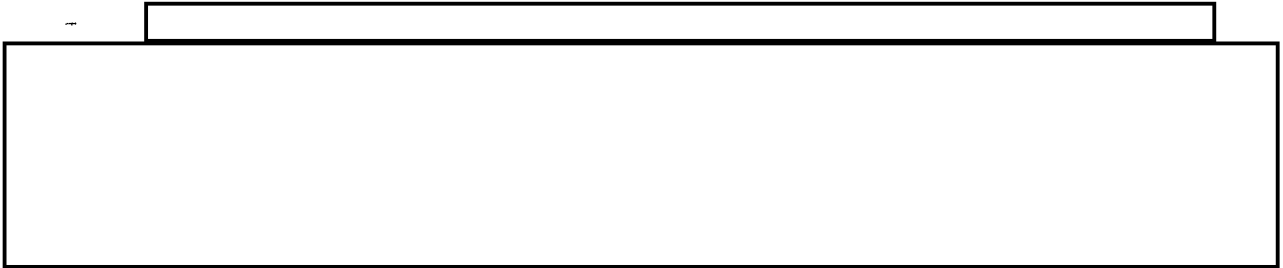
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The personnel file discloses no derogatory information concerning Elliff and he consistently received excellent efficiency reports. He resigned to return to his private law practice in Pekin, Illinois.

Elliff was one of the nine individuals in the Department of Justice including the Director and the Attorney General, who were recommended for the Selective Service Medal on March 19, 1946. The personnel file indicates that he was for several years occupied primarily with Selective Service matters. (25-00-207)



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You will recall that in November, 1945, "Newsweek," carried a story on the case of the eight saboteurs. Assistant Director Nichols was advised confidentially by Colonel McNerney of the Department that John Terrell of "Newsweek" had filched a copy of the transcript pertaining to the saboteur case. It was stated that Terrell got a copy of the transcript from someone in the Criminal Division and that the first draft of the summary had been prepared either by Nathan Elliff or in Elliff's section. Subsequent information received concerning this incident indicated that the Attorney General had approved of giving an advanced copy of the brief to Terrell and that Elliff apparently was only acting pursuant to the Attorney General's instructions, even though the material had not been previously approved by the Bureau. (98-10288-35-29; 94-3-4-61-92 & 100)

On December 5, 1945, Mr. E. A. Tamm met with Mr. James McGranery and others of the Department to discuss the program of conducting investigations of alien property cases in Europe and the Bureau's assignment of Agents to these investigations. Mr. Tamm advised Mr. McGranery of five conditions which must be met before the Director would be in a position to consider the request that Agents be sent to Europe. One of the conditions was that attorneys in the Department with whom the Bureau had been unable to work harmoniously were not to be assigned to handle this matter. Mr. McGranery was advised that the Director would not permit Bureau Agents to



undertake an assignment of this kind if "Mr. William Powers Maloney, Mr. Elliff or Mr. Woerhide were to participate in this assignment."  
(62-67357-140)

Interview with Stephen W. Mamchur

Dr. Stephen W. Mamchur, in the interview concerning Judith Coplon, stated that she was connected with a group of individuals in the Foreign Agents Registration Section described as "pro-Soviet." This group included Nathan Elliff, Louis Nemzer, and others. According to Mamchur, he recalls nothing specific as to the pro-Soviet attitude of Nathan Elliff except his close and personal association with Nemzer who was his assistant. b7D

Instructions were issued on March 10, 1949, to the Springfield Office to interview Elliff concerning his knowledge of Coplon and as to whether or not anyone had ever furnished him with any derogatory information concerning Judith Coplon..

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *4/27*

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DML*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON

DATE: March 11, 1949

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I called Alex Campbell of the Department on the afternoon of March 11 and advised him that information had been received that Ray Whearty had contacted the New York Office requesting that Judith Coplon be placed under surveillance.

In accordance with the Director's instructions, I informed Mr. Campbell that I thought it would be very undesirable inasmuch as the press was trying to contact her and cover her and it would draw considerable bad comment and would unnecessarily tie up a large number of Agents which the Bureau could not afford to do in view of its commitments.

Mr. Campbell stated in view of all this we should forget the request.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 11, 1949

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ASAC Belmont, New York, called at 11:25 a.m. today and stated that the arraignment of Coplon and Gubitchev was begun at 10:50 a.m. before Judge Rifkin. Arraignments were completed about 11:20 a.m. He stated that Coplon had entered a plea of not guilty to all counts of the indictment relating to her. The Government had asked for a \$50,000 bond and the Judge had set a \$20,000 bond. The Government again presented a request for a \$50,000 bond, pointing out her elusive tactics in this case. The Judge talked to Coplon, who stated that she had no intention of running out. After the Judge pointed out to Coplon that she must be available, he left the bail at \$20,000. The indications are that she will make this bail.

Gubitchev appeared without any counsel, and when the Court asked him if he had counsel, he said no. They asked him if he was going to get counsel and he said no. He said he was a foreigner, had diplomatic status, his arrest was illegal, was a provocation, and he was not going to answer any questions of the Court. The Judge told him that the charges were very grave and that he should not go into Court without an attorney; that the risks were too great. Gubitchev still said he did not want counsel. The Judge said he would appoint one for him because he could not afford to go to trial without one. The Judge set the trial for March 25, 1949, but at the request of Coplon's attorney the date was set as of April 1, 1949. Gubitchev will enter a plea on March 14, 1949.

Mr. Belmont called again at noon and stated he had just received a call from Mr. Ray Whearty, who stated that Mr. Alex Campbell had instructed that Coplon be put under surveillance if and when she is released on bail. Mr. Belmont told Mr. Whearty that he would not put this surveillance on Coplon; that he believed it would be most injudicious and unwise. Reporters and photographers are now hanging around the Detention Quarters awaiting her release. The previous experiences of the Bureau in surveilling her have reflected that she avoids surveillance. Further, her brother, Bert Coplon, plans to take her home immediately so that she cannot be contacted by anyone.

Mr. Whearty stated that he would advise Mr. Campbell that no surveillance would be made. He also told Mr. Belmont that he agreed with his, Belmont's, opinion concerning the surveillance.

Mr. Whearty further advised that the State Department had been in touch with him to secure information which would enable them to respond to a protest received from the Soviet Union with reference to the arrest of Gubitchev. One of the allegations in the protest is that FBI Agents questioned Gubitchev concerning Soviet war factories, war plants, and as to the identities and background activities of his superiors. Mr. Belmont stated he told Mr. Whearty

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that he did not believe it desirable or proper to deal in generalities, that if he were furnished the exact questions which the State Department wanted answered, the information would be gathered and made available. Mr. Whearty advised that he would get the exact questions which the State Department wanted answered. Mr. Belmont stated that as soon as they are determined, he will get the answers to the questions and will clear the answers with the Bureau before they are furnished to Mr. Whearty.

Mr. Belmont stated that Bert Coplon had been interviewed for two hours last night, and he had dropped into the office today and had talked to him. It appears that Bert Coplon wants to cooperate. He is not permitting the other members of the family to read the newspaper accounts of the case. He wants to get his sister out on bail and indicates he will do everything he can to get her to relate the story to the Bureau. If she won't do it and she furnishes him the story, he will give it to the Bureau. He has expressed concern about the safety of Judith Coplon and he expects trouble around the home because of the feeling which has been engendered by the publicity and the fact that the newspapers are making every effort to interview the family. Mr. Belmont told him that the Bureau could not afford any protection, but that he could alert the police department and would do so. Coplon in very strong language indicated that he wanted to determine the identity of the person who had gotten Judith into this thing. He also indicated that he was a ruined man, that already a very large contract had been cancelled.

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RENCE MORSE, DOCTOR HAROLD PEPPARD, MORTON POMERANZ, [REDACTED]  
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## Espionage Again

The arrests of Miss Judith Coplon, a minor employe of the Department of Justice, and of Valentine Gubichev, a Soviet Russian national in the employ of the United Nations, afford another illustration of how far conspiratorial communism has succeeded in remaking the non-Communist world in its own image. It points up again the discouraging fact that where the passive loyalty of citizens and the active loyalty of persons engaged in confidential Government work cannot be presumed, a considerable advance must be made in the direction of the police state.

The revelations by Igor Gouzenko in the Canadian spy cases was clear proof that oaths and other solemn obligations are an insufficient protection against treacherous conspiracy. It began to appear that henceforward every Government employe must be held suspect until suspicion had been removed by a secret inquiry into his private life, interests, associations and family affairs. This was to say that no Government employe, and perhaps no citizen, would have any longer the right to a private life, since he could never feel himself free of surveillance. This belief was strengthened by testimony of Mr. Chambers and Miss Bentley concerning Communist espionage in very high places in the Government of the United States. An atmosphere began to grow in Washington which was not altogether unlike that of Sixteenth Century Spain, where it was believed that under the mask of formal Catholicism, innumerable infidels and heretics were secretly plotting the overthrow of church and dynasty.

The various inquisitions and investigations set in motion in this country by the report of the Canadian Royal Commission were characterized, not inappropriately, as witch hunts, both by the spokesmen of the Left and by persons fearful of any further extensions of the already enormous police powers of the government. But behind all the smoke there was certainly some fire, just as there was in the case of the European witch hysteria of 400 years ago, according to the judgment of so cautious an historian as the late Sir Charles Oman.

It is obvious that without an elaborate system of counterespionage the association between Miss Coplon and Comrade Gubichev could not have been discovered nor the trap which closed about them last Saturday prepared. How many secret agents of the FBI were required for the purpose, and how much of their time was absorbed by the case there is no way of knowing, but

it cannot have been other than an expensive business. If there are many other Miss Coplons in the Government, and many other Gubichevs on the loose in the United States, it is not difficult to imagine a day when undercover police work of this sort will become a principal activity of the Government.

We should be much grieved, however, if the mention of this possibility should be construed as in any way reflecting discredit upon the FBI for its work in this or any similar case. We merely seek to point out the dilemma which is presented to all free governments in the very existence of the Communist conspiracy with its peculiar attractions for certain minds. To fight communism by its own methods, that is, by stealth and duplicity or by intimidation, is to risk a gradual and unwitting drift toward a society in which Communist hunting will become a vested interest. Yet not to fight it by every means possible under our democratic system, would be to invite destruction.

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This serial, the original memorandum from the FBI to the Attorney General dated 3/7/49, which was returned to the Bureau signed by the Attorney General authorizing FBI to conduct electronic surveillance, has been permanently removed for retention in the National Security Electronic Surveillance File per memorandum T. J. Smith to Mr. E. S. Miller dated 7-13-73. See 62-115687-1 for details and where maintained.

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Director, FBI

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This is to confirm authorization granted telephonically today to install the following technical surveillances in this case.



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Provided full security is assured, these installations should be made as soon as possible and the Bureau advised of the time and date of installation, as well as the symbol numbers.

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TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : J. E. Milnes *JEM*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 4, 1949

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At 11:55 p.m. talking to Mr. Belmont he informed me that the subject Coplon had asked to see an attorney. They referred the matter to Mr. Whearty who said that he could see no reason for allowing her to see an attorney at that time. They are following his advice. He also told me that the subject Gubitchev denied ever speaking to Coplon or even knowing her. *Whearty*

At 12:25 a.m. on March 5, 1949, Mr. Belmont informed me that he had talked to Mr. Whearty and Mr. Whearty was of the opinion that the Washington Field Office should consult with the United States Attorney and secure a search warrant to examine Coplon's apartment. He said the basis for securing it should be the discovery of the information in her possession, together with the fact that the Agents knew she had a typewriter in her apartment and was using it last night. The reason for the request should be to discover the typewriter and to determine if any similar material was in her possession. In order to insure the issuance of the search warrant Mr. Whearty suggested that Mr. Peyton Ford call Mr. Morris Fay, the United States Attorney here and solicit his cooperation so the warrant would be issued at the earliest possible time. You recall I spoke to you about this. At your suggestion I informed Mr. Belmont that the information concerning the presence of the typewriter was obtained over a tech and therefore could not be used. While talking to Mr. Nichols I explained the above to him. He said that he would discuss it with Mr. Ford who he anticipated seeing shortly. *Belmont*

While talking to Mr. Belmont he told me that Mr. Ford had been in touch with Mr. Whearty and that they were attempting to perfect arrangements whereby the subjects would be arraigned before a local magistrate. Mr. Whearty appeared to oppose this on the grounds that the night magistrate might not know too much about the matter, or the extent of his authority together with the fact that there would be police reporters present and the full benefit of a press release would not be secured. Mr. Ford, on the other hand, appeared to be strongly in favor of the arraignment. He said that as an alternative proposal they were attempting to secure a local Federal Judge who would be willing to come down to handle the arraignment. In addition to the foregoing they were contemplating calling the First Secretary of the USSR Delegation to the United Nations and advising him of the apprehension of Gubitchev and of the fact that he would be arraigned as soon as possible. I suggested to Mr. Belmont that he allow Mr. Whearty to handle this phase of the matter. He said he would do so. I informed Mr. Ladd of the foregoing and you will recall that I discussed it with you. *lm*

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Valentine A. Gubitchev

At 1:33 a.m. I talked to SAC, Scheidt. He said that at the time they were considering charging the subjects with conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States, namely to violate Section 2071 (removal of government records) and to defraud the United States of the faithful and impartial services of the Defendant Coplon. After informing Mr. Ladd of the foregoing and at his suggestion I called Mr. Schiedt at 1:45 a.m. and told him that he should suggest the possibility of including within the complaint a charge of conspiring to violate the Espionage Statute.

At 4:15 a.m. while talking to Mr. Schiedt he said that the complaint had been changed and it now contained charges of conspiring to 1). commit espionage, 2). remove records of the Department of Justice pertaining to the National Defense, and 3). defraud the United States Government of the services of the Defendant Coplon. The complaint has been transmitted in toto to the Bureau by teletype, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Mr. Scheidt also informed me that they had been successful in securing Judge Simon H. Rifkind. He said that they had sent a car for him and that the arraignment would be conducted as soon as he arrived.

At 5:03 Mr. Schiedt called me. He said that the subjects had been taken before Judge Rifkind at approximately 4:50 a.m. The judge read the complaint to them and explained its contents. He informed them that they had a right to have counsel represent them, that they did not have to say anything and that anything they might say could be used against them. He told them that they were entitled to a preliminary hearing or could waive the same, but if they desired a hearing that the government would have to prove the existence of probable cause. Coplon indicated that she did not have an attorney but desired one. Gubitchev strongly protested against the action taken. He said that he was not a citizen, that he had a diplomatic passport and diplomatic status. He was again asked if he wanted counsel and after protesting he indicated that he did. He demanded the right to call a representative of his government. Mr. Whearty did not object to this procedure whereupon the judge instructed that the Agents accompany the subjects to phones and afford them the use of the same. Both you and Mr. Ladd were immediately informed concerning this.

Gubitchev called the Russian Delegation to the United Nations and spoke to the night man. He asked to be placed in touch with Morosov (otherwise unidentified). Not being able to reach Morosov he asked the night man to contact Malik, head of the USSR delegation to the United Nations and inform Malik and no one else that he had been arrested and for Malik to get an official representative down to the court house immediately. He did not go into details.

Prior to the arraignment Mr. Whearty served [redacted] with subpoenas to appear before the Grand Jury on Monday. [redacted]

[redacted] I immediately informed Mr. Peyton Ford and Mr. Nichols of the foregoing. Mr. Ford said that they were going to issue the general press release immediately. At his instruction I called Mr. Scheidt and informed him that they should no statement there concerning the matter.

While talking to Mr. Belmont he informed me through Mr. Whearty he had learned that the State Department had informed the United Nations of the arrest of Gubitchev and that the United Nations would get in touch with Gubitchev. Apparently as a result of this one Thomas Powers and one ~~Shachter~~ called Whearty concerning Gubitchev.

During a conversation with Mr. Belmont at 6:08 a.m. he informed me that a Lester M. Levin, an attorney at 39 Broadway had just arrived at the office and was representing Coplon.

Mr. Scheidt called at 7:15 a.m. He said that the hearing had been continued at 6:45 a.m. before the same judge. Attorney Levin represented Coplon, but Gubitchev was not represented by counsel. In view of this fact no discussion was had concerning his bail and the hearing was continued until 11:00 a.m. In addition to this Levin wants to confer with his more senior associate concerning the case. Coplon's bail was set at \$10,000 until the hearing at 11:00 a.m. During the hearing Mr. Whearty made a little speech in which he said that he was going to recommend bail of \$100,000 for Gubitchev and \$50,000 for Coplon. This was based on the fact that Gubitchev might flee if his bail was low enough. The question arose as to what should be done with the subjects until 11 a.m. Between the judge and Mr. Whearty it was decided to have the Agents retain custody of them. You recall that I discussed this with you.

Mr. Scheidt called me again at 7:55 and said that two Russians, namely Leonid A. ~~Morozov~~ who described himself as the First Secretary of the Russian Delegation to the United Nations and his assistant George Chuchkov called and wanted to speak to Gubitchev. They talked to Mr. Whearty exclusively. He told them five or six times that they could speak to him if they wanted to see him about an attorney. This was done because of the Judge's instructions. It appears that Morozov spoke only Russian. Since Whearty informed them that they could only speak to them if they wanted to talk to him about an attorney they left without talking to him. After their departure Mr. Whearty raised the question about the availability of a Russian speaking agent. Mr. Scheidt told him that none was immediately available--and there wasn't. Afterwards he raised the question as to the advisability of allowing one of our agents to appear before them. He and Mr. Whearty decided that it would not be a good idea. I have informed Mr. Ladd, Mr. Nichols of the above.

March 9, 1949

JUDITH COPLON, WAS;  
ESPIONAGE - R

On September 15, 1947 the Justice Department submitted a Loyalty Form on Uida Lillian Johnson Eldred, who was born March 21, 1912 at Altoona, Kansas and who was employed by the Department of Justice as a Secretary. On this Loyalty Form she listed her husband's name as being George Donald Eldred who was born February 22, 1907 at Altoona, Pennsylvania. This form reflects that Mrs. Eldred had been employed by the Department of Justice since 1937 and had resided since 1937 at 1620 E Street, N.E., Washington, D. C. This form was returned to the Department of Justice with a notation that no disloyalty data were found in the Bureau's files. (121-4-390730)

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The same informant also reflected an earlier call from Miss Copeland (Judith Coplon) on December 19, 1947 to Elaine West for Martin Popper. West suggested Popper's secretary call her. Copeland said to have Ruth Rifkin call her at the Department of Justice, Extension 1134.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : J. E. Milnes *JEM*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, et al  
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DATE: March 9, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 6:40 p.m. this date, ASAC A. H. Belmont of New York called and said that as of 6:15 p.m. tonight Subject Coplon was still in the House of Detention. He informed me that her brother, together with her attorney, Bertram Adams, came in to see him this morning. They requested that a pass be issued to Coplon's brother so that he would be able to talk with her in person without the screen which apparently he must use at the present time. ASAC Belmont informed them the matter would have to be taken up with Mr. Whearty or Mr. Donegan. Coplon and Adams also wanted to know if the Bureau would afford the subject (Coplon) protection in the event she was released on bond, since apparently they had received several crank letters already. ASAC Belmont informed them that we definitely would not, since it was not within our province to do so.

They also wanted to know if Judith Coplon's brother could come to Washington and pick up some <sup>material</sup> letters from her apartment which she desired. Mr. Belmont informed he would clear this matter with Mr. Whearty. He talked to Mr. Whearty and Mr. Whearty told him to tell Coplon's brother that if he would contact Mr. Whearty <sup>in Washington</sup> sometime next week, possibly Tuesday, he, Mr. Whearty, would make arrangements for him to gain entrance to his sister's apartment. In addition to the above, Mr. Belmont informed me that the Grand Jury had returned indictments against Coplon and Gubitchev today. This information was secured very confidentially, however, and should not be disseminated at this time.

Mr. Belmont informed me, however, that Assistant Attorney General Campbell had been advised of the action taken. The Grand Jury voted on the indictments; however, the indictments have not been presented to the District Judge as yet. The tentative indictment is in four counts. Count No. 1 charges both of them with conspiring to violate the espionage statutes (18 USC, 371). Count No. 2 charges Coplon with attempted espionage (18 USC, 793). Count No. 3 charges Gubitchev with attempted espionage (18 USC, 793). Count No. 4 charges Coplon with attempting to transmit information in the Department of Justice files to Gubitchev (18 USC, 794). *len*

Mr. Belmont informed me that the indictment had been drawn up by the indictment expert in the Department of Justice; however, it will be studied by the USA and thereafter signed and delivered to the Judge sometime between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m. tomorrow morning. At that time or shortly thereafter a press release will be issued by the Attorney General from Washington. *WJH*

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In addition to the foregoing, Mr. Belmont informed me that he had learned through discussions with Mr. Whearty and Mr. Donegan that the Department is considering obtaining an indictment against Judith Coplon in Washington, D. C. Definite plans in this regard have not been formulated and it is simply in the discussion stage at this time. The nature of the indictment contemplated is also unknown.

I furnished this information to Mr. Ladd and pursuant to his instructions advised Mr. McGuire concerning the indictment.

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Mr. J. Powers  
2107 Cemetery Lane  
West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Powers:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 7, 1949, the contents of which have been noted with interest.

I wish to thank you for bringing this information to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

(Note: The reference letter which Mr. Powers says he wrote to the Bureau last August is to be located and thereafter a determination will be made as to whether this matter warrants an interview with Powers concerning a possible connection with the persons he refers to and the subjects in the Coplon case)

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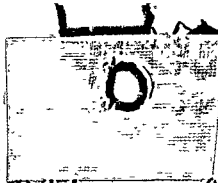
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 Washington, D.C.

Honored Sir:

Whether it is of any use to the U.S. Department of Justice or the F.B.I. I am nevertheless led to believe your attention should be called to letter or letters sent to your Department Last August - Do you recall that when we here were on a vacation trip to Washington D.C. with a western Schoolteacher that we all noticed 2 or 3 suspicious looking characters? Well sir if you cannot locate the letters there might not occur to you the points I see. No. 1. Well sir I am quite sure that both my wife and myself believe that (allowing for variations & do to cheap Newspaper photos) the picture enclosed to you here is of the identical couple who attracted the attention of the Schoolteacher, my wife and myself at 3 different spots

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Yours truly J. Powers.

C O P Y

2107 Cemetery Lane  
West Phila  
March 7th 1949

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Yours truly,

J. Powers.

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VALENTINE GUBITCHEV



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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *HS*  
 FROM : V. P. KEAY *VP*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: March 9, 1949

Referral/Consult

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_

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This matter has been discussed orally with Mr. Lamphere.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the Espionage Section for their information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 10, 1949

In accordance with the telephonic conversation between Mr. Leo Laughlin of the Bureau and ASAC Belmont of this office on March 10, 1949, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the indictment returned against subjects COPLON and GUBITCHEV at approximately 11:00 am on March 10, in the Southern District of New York. The subjects will be arraigned in the Southern District of New York at 10:30 am on March 11, 1949.

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cc - NY 65-14939. (Gubitchev)

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RE: NY 65-14932  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *Hy*  
 FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, ET AL  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 10, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SAC Belmont called at 12:50 P.M. and advised that an indictment had been returned against the subject in this case by the Grand Jury, SDNY, shortly before 11:00 A.M. today. The indictment is in four counts and charges as follows:

Count one charges Coplon and Gubitchev with conspiracy to violate Title 18, Section 371, U. S. Code (conspiracy to commit espionage), and alleges certain overt acts, setting forth specifically the meetings which took place on January 14, February 18, and March 4, 1949.

Count two charges Coplon with attempted espionage in violation of Title 18, Section 793, U. S. Code, in that she obtained certain Government documents and on March 4, 1949, wilfully attempted to transmit them to Gubitchev.

Count three charges Gubitchev with attempted espionage in violation of Title 18, Section 793, U. S. Code, in that he endeavored to receive and obtain certain Government documents from Coplon having reason to believe that she had obtained them illegally from the United States Government.

Count four charges Coplon with violation of Title 18, Section 794, U. S. Code, in that she attempted to deliver to Gubitchev certain Government documents relating to the national defense of the country.

The indictment was signed by U. S. Attorney McGohey and Special Assistant U. S. Attorneys Raymond Whearty and T. J. Donegan.

An arraignment of Coplon and Gubitchev on this indictment is scheduled for 10:30 tomorrow morning, March 11. Up to the time of the call neither of the subjects has made bond.

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# Coplon Girl Tagged As Pro-Red in 1946

A professor in a Midwestern university warned the House Committee on Un-American Activities about Judith Coplon, now charged with being in a spy conspiracy as far back as 1946.

Representative John S. Wood (D., Ga.), chairman of the committee, said in a formal statement yesterday that the professor named Miss Coplon as one of four "pro-Soviet" employees who had "subordinated certain investigations referred to the Foreign Agents Registration Section."

Miss Coplon, 27, was an analyst in this section when she was arrested in New York last Friday night along with Valentine A. Gubitchev, 32, a Russian engineer on the staff of the United Nations. They were charged with conspiracy to commit espionage to remove Government documents relating to national defense.

Wrote Committee in 1946

Chairman Wood did not name the Midwestern university professor who wrote to the Un-American Affairs Committee on September 3, 1946.

"The professor," he said, "stated that the employees of the Registration Section of the Department of Justice were adopting a policy that everything pro-Soviet was considered legitimate activity, and that everything anti-Soviet was condemned by the employees of the Registration Section."

Four names of persons who were employed in this section at that time were given by the informant. One of them was Judith Coplon.

Required to Register

Under the law, foreign agents or their representatives in the United States are required to register with the Department of Justice. Miss Coplon, a graduate of Barnard College, was an analyst in the Registration Section and was valued because of her knowledge of foreign languages.

The professor stated, Chairman Wood said, that certain investigations referred to the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the department were in fact being subordinated and knowledge of them was being prevented from reaching higher officials of the Justice Department.

He said the professor furnished information about certain individuals who should have registered as foreign agents but never did so. This, he represented the professor as saying, was because of manipulation by certain individuals connected with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice.

Chairman Wood said the files showed that the Un-American Affairs Committee requested certain information from the Department of Justice regarding the foreign agents registration section. This request, he said, was referred to one of the four persons in the section about whom the midwestern professor had complained.

Never Furnished

At any rate, he said, the information requested was never furnished. The Georgia law-maker said that legislation was now being prepared which would be directed at individuals active in espionage rings and individuals who form Communist cells within the Government.

He said that the clerical staff of the committee was now trying to answer a backlog of 250,000 communications from the American public.

Hearings soon would be held, he said, on the proposed new laws. Woman Still in Jail

Meantime, Miss Coplon still was in jail in New York, having failed to raise \$20,000 bail. Gubitchev, the Russian engineer, also was in jail, the Soviet government having failed thus far to put up \$100,000 bail.

A New York grand jury will resume its inquiry into the espionage case today, listening first to one of the FBI agents who arrested the couple last Friday.

Over the weekend it was reported that a roundup of other suspected Government employees would grow out of the Coplon-Gubitchev case.

From all indications, however, Miss Coplon had no confederates in the Government service. In any case, it was evident yesterday that wholesale arrests of Government workers was in prospect.

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Egan ✓  
Mr. Gurnea ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Pennington ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓

Miss Gandy ✓  
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I think you should ask Dept for this information. I am assuming Dept never advised us.

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SAC, Washington Field

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Director, FBI

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Reference is made to the Bureau's memorandum to you on March 8, 1949, in connection with certain information which had been confidentially furnished to the Bureau by Mr. Walter Sanford who is employed in the Department of Labor. Mr. Sanford stated, upon a recontact with a Bureau official, that [redacted] who has been closely connected with Coplon has been receiving numerous telephone calls and that she only says a few words, then gets some nickels and goes out to a pay station to make a call.

Mr. Sanford further advised that Miss Mildred S. Barber, who is identified in the referenced memorandum, had informed him that [redacted] boy friend is named [redacted] originally graduated from Amherst, then entered Harvard Law School, and according to Miss Barber, was the organizer of a law guild which she believed to be subversive.

This information is being called to your attention in connection with the previous request that you interview Miss Barber.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Fletcher *HBFW*

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: March 8, 1949

Call: 2:20 P.M.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nichols	_____
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I received a telephone call from Walter Sanford, <sup>OF</sup> the Department of Labor, who previously furnished information to Mr. Gregg. Mr. Sanford stated that [ ] who has been closely connected with subject Coplon has been receiving numerous telephone calls today and that she only says a few words, then gets some nickels and goes out to a pay station outside the office.

Sanford further advised that Miss Mildred S. Barber whose name was furnished to Mr. Gregg as having considerable information about [ ] informed him that [ ] boy friend is named [ ] originally graduated from Amhurst, then entered Harvard Law School, and according to Miss Barber was the organizer of a law guild which she believed to be subversive.

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You should immediately reinterview [redacted] and obtain from him a signed statement incorporating in detail [redacted]

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URGENT ATTENTION MR. D. LADD PERSONAL

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. DR. STEPHEN W. MAMCHUR,  
ONE EIGHT FOUR NAUGHT FOUR BRADY RD., DETROIT, SOCIOLOGY  
PROFESSOR, WAYNE UNIVERSITY, DETROIT, ADVISES HE EOD AUGUST  
ONE, FORTY TWO AS ASST. ANALYST, ORGANIZATION AND PROPAGANDA  
SECTION, SPECIAL WAR POLICIES UNIT, WAR DIVISION, DEPT. .  
OF JUSTICE AND WENT WITH FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION SECTION  
IN AUGUST, FORTY THREE UPON DISSOLUTION OF WAR POLICIES UNIT,  
AS A SR. POLITICAL ANALYST. BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH JUDITH  
COPLON EARLY FORTY FIVE AT WHICH TIME SHE WAS CLASSIFIED AS  
ASSISTANT ANALYST AND WAS AN ASSISTANT TO LOUIS NEMZER, TOP  
POLITICAL ANALYST. BELIEVES NEMZER RESPONSIBLE FOR COPLONS  
EMPLOYMENT IN FAR SECTION AND COPLON HAD NO SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS  
FOR JOB. IN ABOUT AUGUST, FORTY FIVE, NATHAN ELLIFF,  
ACTING CHIEF INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION AND CHIEF OF FAR SECTION,  
ANNOUNCED PERSONNEL CUTS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE. NEMZER WAS  
INSTRUMENTAL IN KEEPING COPLON ON EVEN THOUGH OTHER EMPLOYEES  
WITH BETTER QUALIFICATIONS AND LONGER SERVICE IN SECTION WERE  
LAID OFF. NEMZER USED SOME PRETEXT TO GIVE COPLON EXCELLENT  
EFFICIENCY RATING ALTHOUGH HER PREVIOUS ONE HAD BEEN LOWER. HER

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RETENTION NOT CAUSE OF MAMZURS LEAVING. HE CLAIMS RESIGNED  
VOLUNTARILY JUNE THIRTY, FORTY SIX. MAMZUR HAS NO KNOWLEDGE  
OF COPLONS BACKGROUND, ACTIVITIES OR ASSOCIATES OTHER THAN  
HER CONNECTION WITH A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE FAR SECTION  
DESCRIBED AS PRO SOVIET. THIS QUOT<sup>E</sup> CLIQUE UNQUOTE INCLUDED  
NATHAN~~X~~ELLIFF, LOUIS~~X~~NEMZER, [REDACTED] AN ANALYST, LEON  
SEGAL, TRANSLATOR, DAVID~~X~~BOOKSTAYER, ATTORNEY AND COPLON.

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AFTER NEMZERS MANIPULATION TO KEEP COPLON IN THE FAR SECTION HE ANNOUNCED THAT SHE WOULD TAKE OVER THE WORK IN THE SLAV FIELD WHICH DR. MAMZUR HAD BEEN HANDLING. DR. MAMZUR ARRIVED AT THE CONCLUSION THAT THE CLIQUE MENTIONED WAS PRO SOVIET BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING.

NEMZER, KNOWN TO THE INFORMANT FROM SOME TIME IN FORTYTWO, CONSISTENTLY REFERRED TO THE HCUA AS A FASCIST GROUP, STATED

THAT DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER WAS A FASCIST AND THAT THE FBI WAS ONLY AFTER COMMUNISTS AND ANTI SOVIETS AND QUOTE SAW THINGS UNQUOTE. <sup>NEMZER</sup> ~~NUMBER~~ ALSO REFERRED TO ANYONE ANTI SOVIET AS FASCISTS AND CONTINUOUSLY CHARGED RED BAITING TO ANY STAND TAKEN BY PERSONS CRITICIZING COMMUNISTS OR PRO COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES. INFORMANT STATES THAT NATHAN ELLIFF ALSO CHARGED RED BAITING TO ANTI COMMUNIST ACTIVITY AND EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE WITH THE HCUA. BOTH HE AND NEMZER WERE HEARD TO TERM HCUA MEMBERS QUOTE THOSE S. O. B. S UNQUOTE.

INFORMANT RECALLED OVERHEARING NEMZER TALKING TO DAVID KARR, ALIAS KATZ, WHOSE CONNECTION AT THAT TIME WAS NOT KNOWN TO THE INFORMANT, RE A CHARGE OF BEING A NAZI AGENT MADE BY ALBERT KAHN, JR., EDITOR OF QUOTE THE HOUR UNQUOTE, AGAINST NICHOLAS GRIGORIEFF, A FORMER PROFESSOR AT THE UKRAINIAN UNIVERSITY, PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THIS CHARGE RESULTED IN A LIBEL SUIT AGAINST KAHN AND WAS MADE IN SOME ISSUE OF QUOTE THE HOUR UNQUOTE. INFORMANT OVERHEARD NEMZER TELL KARR THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE KNEW OF NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THE CHARGE MADE AGAINST GRIGORIEFF. SHORTLY THEREAFTER INFORMANT BELIEVES KAHN MADE A TRIP

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TO WASHINGTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE LIBEL SUIT WITH KARR, THE RESULT OF SUCH DISCUSSION BEING A SETTLEMENT OF THE SUIT OUT OF COURT. NEMZER ALWAYS RECOMMENDED QUOTE THE HOUR UNQUOTE TO THE ANALYSTS IN THE FAR SECTION AS BEING A GOOD SOURCE OF INFO AND RECOMMENDED THE QUOTE NEWS LETTER UNQUOTE OF THE ANTI DEFAMATION LEAGUE, BELIEVING THAT THE CHARGES OF PRO NAZISM THEREIN WERE GOOD BASES FOR INVESTIGATION. INFORMANT STATES NEMZER ACQUAINTED WITH ALBERT PERRY, FIRST EDITOR OF QUOTE THE HOUR UNQUOTE, AND KNEW PERRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, WHERE BOTH NEMZER AND PERRY ATTENDED. NEMZER INTRODUCED PERRY TO INFORMANT IN LATE FORTYTWO OR EARLY FORTYTHREE. NEMZER ALSO ACQUAINTED WITH ONE GOLD, BELIEVED BY THE INFORMANT TO BE POSSIBLY BEN GOLD, WHO WAS WITH THE FOREIGN NATIONALITY SECTION OF OSS, AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME. INFORMANT HAD NO INFO AS TO COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES OR CONNECTIONS ON PART OF GOLD. INFORMANT ALSO STATED THAT ALBERT KAHN, JR., HAD ARNOLD MARGOLAN FIRED FROM OSS ON A TRUMPED UP CHARGE OF BEING A FASCIST. INFORMANT COULD NOT CONNECT THIS WITH NEMZER EXCEPT THAT MARGOLAN'S DAUGHTER, A. MRS. HANSEN, *Handed Nemzer with FAR East section in* WORKED ~~AT THE FAR SECTION IN THE FORTYTWO AND AT ONE TIME TOLD INFORMANT HE WAS A QUOTE TERRIBLE UKRAINIAN NATIONALIST UNQUOTE. INFORMANT STATES INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL OF THE HCUA IN MARCH OR APRIL OF FORTYSIX CAME TO THE FAR SECTION FOR INFO ON ONE ANTHONY BIMBA. RUSSELL WAS REFERRED TO NEMZER OR DAVID BOOKSTAVAR, AS A RESULT OF WHICH RUSSELL WAS NOT GIVEN ANY INFO AND WORD CAME DOWN THROUGH NEMZER THAT THEY WERE~~

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NOT TO BOTHER WITH HCUA REQUESTS FOR INFO. INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT ELLIFF WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS. INFORMANT STATED THAT NEMZER HAD RECOMMENDED THE REGISTRATION OF THE CP OF INDIA AS FOREIGN AGENTS ON ONE OCCASION. INFORMANT FELT THAT THIS MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN A COVER UP. INFORMANT RECALLS THAT DAVID BOOKSTAVER WAS CONTACTED IN LATE FORTYFIVE OR EARLY FORTYSIX BY SEVERAL AGENTS OF THE PRO SOVIET POLISH GOVERNEMENT, WHO WERE INQUIRING OVER THE PHONE AS TO THE NECESSITY FOR REGISTERING UNDER THE RA. BOOKSTAVER INTIMATED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT ASK HIM IF THEY HAD TO REGISTER, INDICATING THEREBY THAT IF THEY DID HE WOULD HAVE TO SAY YES. HE TOLD THE AGENTS TO QUOTE FORGET IT UNQUOTE AND NOBODY WOULD BOTHER THEM IF THEY DID NOT REGISTER. INFORMANT STATES BOOKSTAVER KEPT NO MINUTES AT CONFERENCES HELD WITH POSSIBLE REGISTRANTS UNDER THE RA WHICH WAS AGAINST THE FAR SECTION POLICY. A POLITICAL ANALYST WAS NOT AT SOME OF THESE CONFERENCES HELD BY BOOKSTAVER WHICH ALSO WAS AGAINST THE POLICY. INFORMANT DURING HIS WORK IN THE FAR SECTION NOTICED THAT HE WAS NOT GETTING CERTAIN FILES AND CORRESPONDENCE HE BELIEVED WERE IN EXISTENCE FROM A MRS. THOMAS, IN CHARGE OF DOCUMENTS OF THE SECTION. HE LEARNED THAT BOOKSTAVER HAD TOLD HER TO SEND THE CORRESPONDENCE AND FILES TO HIM INSTEAD OF TO THE INFORMANT. INFORMANT IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT BOOKSTAVER MAY HAVE DISPOSED OF SOME CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF THE RA.

INFORMANT RECALLS NOTHING SPECIFIC AS TO THE PRO SOVIET ATTITUDE OF NATHAN ELLIFF EXCEPT HIS CLOSE AND

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PERSONAL ASSOCIATION WITH NEMZER, WHO WAS HIS ASSISTANT. ELLIFF OFTEN BELITTLED THE INFORMANTS EFFORTS TO MORE RIGIDLY ENFORCE THE RA AND DEFINITELY DID NOT WANT THE ACT ENFORCED. ELLIFF WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF NEMZER IN AND OUT OF THE OFFICE. - INFORMANT BELIEVES NEMZER HAD MUCH INFLUENCE WITH ELLIFF. INFORMANT TERMS [REDACTED] QUOTE SLAVE UNQUOTE OF NEMZER AND KNEW THEM TO BE GOOD FRIENDS. HE RECALLS NOTHING SPECIFIC BUT DOES KNOW THAT [REDACTED] HAD MADE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME GENERAL REMARKS AGAINST THE HCUA. [REDACTED] REMARKS INDICATED TO THE INFORMANT THAT HE WAS A QUOTE LEFTIST UNQUOTE. INFORMANT DID NOT CONSIDER LEON SEGAL AS PRO SOVIET BUT CONNECTED HIM WITH THE GROUP ONLY BECAUSE NEMZER WAS FAVORABLE TOWARD SEGAL AND SEEMS TO HAVE PROTECTED HIM. INFORMANT ALSO ASSERTED THAT NEMZER HAD FORMED A LUNCHEON GROUP COMPOSED OF PERSONS WORKING IN THE EAST EUROPEAN FIELD IN ALL THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, THAT IS, JUSTICE, FEA, G TWO, ONI AND OSS. INFORMANT DOES NOT RECALL THAT NEMZER EVER ANNOUNCED A SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR THESE LUNCHEONS. THE INFORMANT ADVISES THAT HE HAS NEVER REPORTED THE ABOVE INFO TO THE FBI, HE RECALLS THAT TWO FBI AGENTS MADE A SURVEY OF THE DEPARTMENT IN FORTYFIVE, IT WAS HIS DESIRE TO TELL <sup>them</sup> ~~them~~ OF HIS SUSPICIONS REGARDING EMPLOYEES OF THE FAR SECTION BUT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE HE HAD THE OPORTUNITY TO DO SO. INFORMANT DOES RECALL HAVING DISCUSSED INDIVIDUAL <sup>Registration</sup> CASES WITH UNIDENTIFIED OFFICIALS OF THE FBI BUT DID NOT MENTION HIS SUSPICIONS BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID IT WOULD GET BACK TO NATHAN ELLIFF OR NEMZER.

HE HAS NEVER

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REPORTED ALL OF THIS INFO TO ANYONE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ITSELF, ALTHOUGH HE TALKED IN A GENERAL WAY OF IT URGING MORE RIGID ENFORCEMENT OF THE RA TO LARRY KNAPP, ELLIFFS PREDECESSOR AS CHIEF OF THE FAR SECTION, TO ONE MC CAULEY, AN ADMINISTRATOR IN THE INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO JAMES MC INERNEY, FORMER CHIEF OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION AND LATER ASSISTANT TO THE AG.

~~INFORMANT~~ ~~INFORMANT~~ DOES NOT BELIEVE HE MENTIONED ANY NAMES

BECAUSE OF HIS FEAR THAT HE WOULD BE ACCUSED OF TRYING TO RETAIN HIS POSITION. KNAPP INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED AND WOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT BUT LEFT IN NOVEMBER, FORTYFIVE, TO GO WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND IT WAS THEN OUT OF HIS JURISDICTION. MCCAULEY SUGGESTED THAT HE SEE MC INERNEY. MC INERNEY, WHEN THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED WITH HIM IN FORTYSIX, GAVE THE INFORMANT NO SPECIFIC ENCOURAGEMENT. AFTER RESIGNING, INFORMANT WENT TO THE HCUA IN AUGUST, FORTYSIX, FOR INFO TO ASSIST IN A BOOK INFORMANT PLANNED TO WRITE. HE, WHILE THERE, DISCUSSED WITH INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL HIS SUSPICIONS OF A PRO SOVIET CLIQUE IN CHARGE OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE REGISTRATION ACT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AS SET OUT ABOVE. HE DOES NOT RECALL THAT RUSSELL SHOWED A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST AND STATES THAT HE HAS NEVER BEEN CALLED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE HCUA. INFORMANT DOES NOT RECALL IF HE MENTIONED JUDITH COPLONS NAME SPECIFICALLY TO RUSSELL. INFORMANT GAVE INTERVIEWING AGENTS THE NAMES OF TWO PERSONS WHO WERE DISCHARGED FROM THE FAR SECTION IN THE REDUCTION OF PERSONNEL IN EARLY FORTYSIX AND WHO

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SHARED HIS OPINIONS AS TO THE PRO SOVIET CLIQUE THEREIN. THESE ARE MISS FRANCES BUTLER AND MISS AVANZINO. HE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THEY ARE NOW EMPLOYED. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT, THE FEMALE EMPLOYEES IN THE FAR SECTION HATED JUDITH COPLON AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HER BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW THE REASON FOR THIS HATRED. INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT JESSE MCKNIGHT, WHO WAS NEMZERS PREDECESSOR AS TOP POLITICAL ANALYST WAS NOT PRO COMMUNIST OR PRO SOVIET BUT DID GIVE NEMZER, WHO WAS WORKING UNDER HIM AT THE TIME, THE QUOTE RUN OF THE DEPARTMENT UNQUOTE. INFORMANT WAS NOT ASKED DIRECTLY IF HE HAD EVER MADE A REPORT TO THE HCUA. HE PROFFERED THE INFO, COMMENTING THAT HE HAD SEEN AN ARTICLE IN THE PAPER RE A SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR WHO HAD GIVEN INFO TO THE HCUA AND HAD CONCLUDED THEREFROM THAT HE WAS THE PERSON INVOLVED. THE INFORMANT REQUESTED THAT THE INFO FURNISHED HEREIN NOT BE GIVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IF NATHAN ELLIFF AND OR LOUIS NEMZER COULD COME INTO POSSESSION OF IT.

DETROIT INDICES REFLECT THAT THE DIRECTORY OF UKRAINIAN PROFESSIONAL ASSN PUBLISHED NINETEEN THIRTYNINE INCLUDED NAME OF INFORMANT AS MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION. UPA FOUNDED SUMMER NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE CHICAGO NOT INCORPORATED. PURPOSE TO HELP SOLVE PROBLEMS OF UKRAINIAN PEOPLE AND WORK TOWARD THEIR INDEPENDENCE IN UKRAINIA. DISCLAIMED ANY FOREIGN CONNECTIONS. IN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT SOME MEMBERS UPA ADVOCATED SUPPORT OF HITLER BELIEVING INDEPENDENT UKRAINE WOULD RESULT AND THEY WOULD BE SAVED FROM COMMUNISM. DETROIT HAS NO INDICATION ACTIVITY SINCE FORTYONE.

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BACKGROUND

Judith Coplon was born May 17, 1921 in Brooklyn, New York. After attending the public schools and graduating from James Madison High School, Brooklyn, New York, she entered Barnard College, from which she graduated in June of 1943 with an AB degree as an honor student. In June, 1943 she entered the employ of the Department of Justice in New York City. On February 16, 1945 she came to the Department of Justice at Washington, D. C.

Valentine Alekskevich Gubitchev was born June 24, 1916, Ikoloskoie, Orlov Province, U. S. S. R. At the time of his entry into the United states he was described as the Third Secretary of the USSR Secretariat of the United Nations. A recent listing, however, indicates he is assigned to the Planning Office of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of the Manhattan Office of the United Nations.

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Director J. Edgar Hoover stated that FBI Agents observed extreme caution on the part of ~~Miss Coplon~~<sup>Julia</sup> from the moment she arrived in New York City until her contact with the Russian U. N. employee. From 7:23 pm when both appeared at the appointed meeting place at 193rd St. and Broadway until after 9 pm, both of these individuals avoided direct contact while they employed the numerous techniques used to detect surveillances. They finally affected a contact when both dashed aboard a bus near 42nd Street. The two were taken into custody on 3rd Avenue between 14th and 15th Streets.

Miss Coplon had concealed in her purse a flat package containing typewritten summaries of information abstracted from confidential documents involving security data and restricted information.

The Attorney General, immediately upon being informed by the FBI of Miss Coplon's suspected affiliations, insured against the misuse of restricted information coming into the possession of the department.

As the investigation progressed the Attorney General, department officials, Director J. Edgar Hoover, and State Department officials closely cooperated in bringing the case to a conclusion. Since Gubitchev was an employee of the United Nations Secretariat, the matter is being discussed between State Department officials and officials of the Secretariat.

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Attorney General Tom C. Clark announced tonight that FBI Agents arrested Judith Coplon, 27, an employee of the Department of Justice, and Valentine A. Gubitchev, 32, a member of the Russian delegation to the United Nations, in New York City, on charges of Conspiracy to commit an offense against The United States pertaining to the removal of Government records and defraud the U. S. of the faithful and impartial services of Miss Coplon.

The Attorney General said --- The FBI investigation under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover, culminating in the arrests was originally initiated as a part of the Federal Employee Loyalty Program; an extensive investigation was initiated. The resulting investigation disclosed clandestine meetings between Miss Coplon and Gubitchev. Gubitchev is described as the Third Secretary of the USSR Secretariat of the United Nations assigned to the Manhattan office of the U. N. Continued investigation disclosed that Miss Coplon's activities on March 4, 1949 paralleled her activities prior to other meetings with Gubitchev and, accordingly, her activities were closely scrutinized from the moment she departed from Washington at 1 p.m. Friday, en route to New York City.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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Holding a Criminal Term

January, 1949

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

v. )

JUDITH COPLON )

Grand Jury Original  
Criminal No.

(18 U.S.C. Secs. 793, 2071)

COUNT I

The Grand Jury charges:

That during the period from on or about December 10, 1948 to March 4, 1949, the exact times being to the Grand Jury unknown, at Washington, District of Columbia, JUDITH COPLON, for the purpose of obtaining information respecting the national defense and with intent and reason to believe that the information was to be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, did copy, take, make and obtain documents, writings and notes connected with the national defense, to wit., documents, writings and notes containing intelligence reports relating to espionage and counter-espionage activities in the United States, which documents, writings and reports were part of the official files and records of the Department of Justice:

In violation of Title 18, U.S.C., Section 793.

COUNT II

The Grand Jury further charges:

That during the period from on or about December 10, 1948, to March 4, 1949, the exact times being to the Grand Jury unknown, at Washington, District of Columbia, JUDITH COPLON, being an employee of the Department of Justice, and in such capacity having custody of records,

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documents and papers filed and deposited with the Department of Justice, did willfully and unlawfully conceal and remove certain of such records, documents and papers, to wit., certain extracts and summaries of reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, known as data slips, containing intelligence reports relating to espionage and counter-espionage activities in the United States.

In violation of Title 18, U.S.C., Section 2071.

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GEORGE MORRIS FAY,  
United States Attorney in and  
for the District of Columbia

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RAYMOND P. WHEARTY,  
Special Assistant to the  
Attorney General

A TRUE BILL:

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Foreman

Mr. Peyton Ford  
The Assistant to the Attorney General

March 21, 1949

Director, FBI

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There is enclosed herewith the report of Special Agent John J. Savage, dated March 15, 1949, at Cincinnati, Ohio, in connection with the above-captioned matter. You will note that this report sets forth the results of an interview of Mr. Louis Hensler, a former employee of the Foreign Agents Registration Section.

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Enclosure

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Examination requested by: New York, Washington (65-5128) and Bureau 65-58365

Date of reference communication: Letters 3-4-49 and 3-5-49 and memo 3-7-49 Date received: 3-7-49

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: WIND

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- Q7 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewritten name at the top "MOTIC".
- Q8 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewritten name at the top "CLARA JURAVOFF".
- Q9 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewritten name at the top "PAUL JURAVOFF".
- Q10 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewritten name at the top "HAROLD FLEISMAN".

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- Q11 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewritten name at the top "STUART LEVIN".
- Q12 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewriting beginning "Subject, in interview, denies knowing Dorothea Keco, ....".
- Q13 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewriting beginning "In March 1946, subject had in her address book the name....".
- Q14 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewriting beginning "Reference teletype indicated that Dept of State....".
- Q15 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "ARTHEMO 'Admiral NARSHIDOV' was reviewed by the writer at the....".
- Q16 Two 5 x 8 sheets bearing typewriting, first beginning "ELI POTASH, was on 7/19/48 subject phoned Confidential Informant [redacted] radio....", second beginning "this re renting the theatre to show a Russian musical....". b7D
- Q17 Three-page 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, first page bearing typewritten name at the top "Dr. ROBERT LINCOLN LESLEY", second page beginning "though not invited, accompanied Dr. JULIUS NYMAN, to the...", third page beginning "Inasmuch as this investigation has not....".
- Q18 Two-page 5x8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, first page bearing typewritten name at the top "LIDIA PAVIL DE PAVIGLE ('SACCONI)", second page beginning "In 4/48 received letter from subject, postmarked....", and decp. blank sheet of paper.
- Q19 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "MICHAEL WALDEN T-2 advised on 5/20/48 that VICTOR ANANASIEV was in....".
- Q20 5 x8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "HOLIS ANANASSOFF EVANOFF GREGOFF, was. JACK EVANOFF, JACK EVANS, DORIS ANANASSOFF, etc. Source A stated subject a....".
- Q21 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "GEORGE DIMITROV SOTIROV Subject reported by Informant as suspected of working....".
- Q22 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "SAMUEL GORDON This investigation based on info that born American seaman, discharged....".
- Q23 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "EUGENIO CHAVEZ SP T-1, advised that subject employed as barber at....".
- Q24 Three 5 x 8 sheets bearing typewriting, first page beginning "IRINA (IRAYIA) EFIMOVNA ALEXANDER, was ROZUMIAN KOSSIMIN ALEXANDER, was This report predicated on info....", second page beginning "Russian agent in Yugo and Austria prior....", third page beginning "Sill stated that approximately once a month, an....".
- Q25 Carbon copy of a 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewritten name at the top "HAROLD".
- Q26 Carbon copy of a 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewritten name at the top "NOVAYA ZARIYA".
- Q27 Two-page carbon copy of a 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, first page bearing typewritten name at the top "NOVAYA ZARIYA, beginning "On September 10, 1947, Source L, asked while....", second page beginning "of four inches by five inches in the newspaper, the....".
- Q28 Carbon copy of a 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewritten name at the top "NOVAYA ZARIYA, beginning "On Oct. 11, 1948, Source L, a former Czarist Army....".

- Q29 Two-page carbon copy of a 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewritten name at the top "NOVAYA ZARIYA", beginning "On Aug. 13, 1948 Source O was interviewed by sp. Agts. ...", second page beginning "Wito Russian circles. Those articles have...".
- Q30 Two-page carbon copy of a 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, DEPARTMENT of Justice, bearing typewritten name at the top "General NICHOLAS RADCOU", second page beginning "Exiled political leaders were this far unable to get...".
- Q31 Two-page carbon copy of a 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewritten name at the top "KRAMAR," beginning "KRAMAR states to the informant (T-2) that his present...", second page beginning "The (Immigration) file further contained a letter dated...".
- Q32 Carbon copy of a 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewritten name at the top "KRAMAR", beginning "In connection with obtaining his present employment, KRAMAR...".
- Q33 Carbon copy of a 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewritten name at the top "NICHOLAS GEORGE NICHOLAS, B/X w/a".
- Q34 Carbon copy of a 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, bearing typewritten name at the top "MARIO JOSEPH PUEZOLA".
- Q35 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "I have not been able (and don't think I will) to get the...".
- Q36 Long sheet of paper dated "3/3/49", bearing the typewritten name at the top "ALFRED DOXITHEN STEVENSON", beginning "I first met 'Steve', as he is known, in the summer...".
- Q37 Long sheet of paper bearing typewriting beginning "As for Steve's personality---he is seemingly sincere, intelligent, ...".
- Q38 Long sheet of paper bearing typewriting beginning "just previous to coming to Washington she worked as a volunteer...".
- Q39 Sheet of paper bearing handwriting on both sides beginning "Bureau using 2 highly placed Astory officials as informants..." found in COPIAN'S purse inside of a small sheet of paper bound with scotch tape.
- Q40 Blank sheet of paper found in COPIAN'S purse inside of a small sheet of paper bound with scotch tape.
- Q41 Cover page headed "BRIAR-SHAKESPEARE", reflecting xkkk stockings.
- Q42 Blank envelope.
- Q43 Blank envelope bearing a piece of scotch tape attached.

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Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D.C.

March 3, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Judith Coplon - Espionage

Referring to the above matter, it is understood that there probably will be a meeting between the subjects in New York on the evening of March 4, 1949, at which time a transmission of information or documents relating to the national defense or other government materials or information may be effected.

It is the desire of the Department that this meeting be covered by the Bureau and, in the event it appears a transmission has occurred, that the subjects be apprehended. Upon such apprehension, both should be searched and questioned. If it is thus established that a transmission of documentary information within the terminology of the Espionage Act (viz. "relating to the national defense") has been effected or that a removal of government records within the purview of Sections 641 or 2071, Title 18 U.S. Code (1948 Ed.), has occurred, prosecution should be initiated by the filing of a complaint with the United States Commissioner and the prompt arraignment of both defendants. The prosecutive phase of the matter should be handled by the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

If on the other hand it is found upon searching and questioning the subjects that no transmission has occurred and that no prior transmission of material and relevant data is admitted, the subject Gubitcher should be released promptly. The subject Coplon, however, in addition to the Bureau's questioning, should be served with a subpoena to appear before the regular Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York at its earliest following session and there should be examined at length under oath concerning every phase of this matter. Such examination, of course, will be conducted by the United States Attorney or one of his Assistants. The Bureau should exercise every

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precaution, however, to be cognizant of the subject's activities from the point of apprehension up to her examination before the Grand Jury and should endeavor, so far as possible, to prevent any collusive contacts with others which might afford opportunity for fabricating or altering testimony. The subject Gubitcher should also be subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury on the same date as the subject Coplon but should not be detained unnecessarily prior thereto if the results of the apprehension are negative.

It will be appreciated if you will arrange to advise me immediately as to developments in this matter in order that the State Department may be informed and enabled to make such contact with The Secretary General of the United Nations as may be necessary.

Notwithstanding the directions in the foregoing paragraphs, it is not intended hereby to restrict the Bureau in the exercise of its sound discretion as to whether the events as they develop on March 4th warrant the steps here outlined. If the agents covering the case feel the circumstances are unfavorable for carrying out the proposed action and that it should be delayed until a subsequent meeting, the decision is left to them.

Similarly, if you are of the opinion that the national interest will be better served by continuing observation for a further period to determine whether espionage of a more serious character is involved, do not hesitate to so advise the Department. Should you be of the opinion that the case should not be brought to an issue at this time, I should like to have your views as to whether the subject Coplon should be separated from the Department now or continued in her present capacity to permit of such observation. If separated, however, further surveillance of the subject Gubitcher should be so conducted as not to raise prematurely questions of a political nature before the Government is ready to act finally on the case.



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The Assistant to the Attorney General

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Fletcher *WBFw*

DATE: 3-6-49

FROM : R. C. Godfrey

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R*Ladd*

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Mr. Ladd called at 4:40 PM advising that he had received following request from Mr. Peyton Ford, East. to the AG:

Any information concerning statements of substance concerning the case which may have been obtained from the interviews of Department of Justice employees.

Any like information which may have been obtained from the interviews of other contacts, friends, associates, etc., of the subject.

Mr. Ladd further advised that Mr. Ford believed that the person who had provided information to the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning certain alleged conditions relating to certain practises in the Department, as reflected in the press this morning originating with Mr. Nixon (Congressman from California) and another spokesman for the HCUA, came from LOU NEMZER a former employee of the Department.

Mr. Ladd wanted Bureau files checked on NEMZER. Particular attention was to be given to any information indicating that NEMZER had previously provided information related to these alleged conditions either to the Department of Justice, the Bureau, or the HCUA. Also any information indicating that HCUA may have provided such information to the Bureau on any previous occasion.

I called Mr. Delavigne, WFO, who advised that the interviews thus far had not provided any substantive information from employees of the Department of Justice or other persons questioned indicating a knowledge by them of the espionage activities of the subject. Mr. Delavigne stated that the interviews were not as yet complete, however, and a number of the prospective interviewees were not yet available. He said one of the persons interviewed, [redacted] of the State Department an associate of the subject would be given more investigative attention as a possible subject. [redacted] made no admissions during his interview by WFO agents.

Mr. Delavigne further stated that authority had been granted to interview LOUIS NEMZER and arrangements would be made to have him located it being believed that he is presently at Ohio State University.

Mr. Ladd was informed of the foregoing information. Mr. Ladd instructed the WFO should order the immediate interview of NEMZER and that the results should be received at the Bureau by 12:00 noon, Monday, March 7, 1949. NEMZER was to be questioned also specifically on following points: Has he previously provided any information to Bureau, Department of Justice, or HCUA. If so, the nature of the information provided and when.

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Mr. Delavigne, WFO, was furnished Mr. Ladd's instructions at 4:59 PM. He advised he would make arrangements for the interview of NEMZER immediately.

I called all references to NEMZER in Bureau files, the name being checked under the following possibilities:

Louis Nemzer  
Lou Nemzer  
L. Nemzer  
None" Nemzer

All references were reviewed on foregoing with exception of two references in the main case file re JUDITH COPLON. No information was located indicating that NEMZER had previously furnished information to the Bureau, the Department of Justice, or HCUA, or that latter had furnished information received from NEMZER to the Bureau.

Mr. Ladd was furnished the results of this file check. He requested that all files be assembled in your office and that summary be prepared on Monday concerning NEMZER by someone in Espionage Unit.

It is to be noted Washington Post of this morning (March 6, 1949) relative to Congressman Nixons and the HCUA statement reads in part as follows:

"It was learned that Miss Coplon's name figured in a confidential report to Chairman John Wood (D., Ga.) of the House Committee on Un-American Activities on September 3, 1946. The report carried highly critical statements by an informant about the Foreign Agents Registration Section.

"The informant, now a social science professor in a midwestern university said he had worked with Miss Coplon as a "political analyst". He did not specifically criticize the Government girl but said there was a definite pro-Soviet attitude in the registration section".

The article continues with further alleged info from this informant.

It is observed that if Mr. Ford's supposition is correct that NEMZER was the informant and the date of the information was September 3, 1946, then according to Bureau files NEMZER was then a Department of Justice employee.

The article from the Washington Post is attached for your information.

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# Nixon Demands Investigation Of Justice Dept.'s Fitness

A House spy investigator yesterday demanded a full-scale investigation to determine whether the Justice Department is qualified to protect this country against "Communist infiltration."

The demand was made by Representative Richard M. Nixon (R., Calif.), a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It followed the arrest of a Justice Department employee in New York on charges of stealing United States secrets.

"In my opinion, this case shows why the department may be unfit and unqualified to carry out the responsibility of protecting the national security against Communist infiltration," Nixon said. He said the employee's activities should have been discovered years ago.

The Justice Department employee was pretty, 27-year-old Judith Coplon, who worked in the Foreign Agents Registration Section. She was arrested on a New York bus with Valentine A. Gubitchev, third secretary of the Soviet secretariat of the United Nations.

Meanwhile, another spokesman for the Committee on Un-American Activities said it may investigate charges that Soviet delegates to the United Nations have engaged in espionage activities in the United States. He disclosed the group will consider the question at a closed meeting Monday.

He said committee investigators already have made "preliminary" inquiries into the activities of U. N. delegates from the Soviet Union and satellite countries.

The spokesman, who asked that his name be withheld until the whole committee can consider the investigation, said an attempt may be made to bring Miss Coplon and Gubitchev before the group in executive session. He said the committee plans "to go as far as we can without interfering with the FBI." He added that some of the hearings probably will be public.

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He alleged that the section "condemned" anything that was "anti-Soviet." At the same time, he said, anything that was "pro-Russian" was "considered satisfac-

Reports on pro-Soviet foreign agents often failed to reach the desks of responsible Government officials, the informant said. And prosecutions for failure of these agents to register were rarely pressed.

Nixon admitted there was such a report in the committee files. He said it indicated a "shocking

inexcusable laxity on the part of the Justice Department in screening its own employees for loyalty."

The committee attempted to press an investigation of the matter at the time but was blocked by Justice Department refusal to cooperate, he said.

Nixon said that the report showed the section to be responsible for keeping four Communist fronts from registering under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Any statement that Miss Coplon was a "minor" employee is "ridiculous," he said.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: March 7, 1949

FROM : V. P. KEAY *VPK*

Referral/Consult

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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*H. B. Fletcher**V. P. Keay*

The information furnished was given to you on the afternoon  
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ATTENTION D. M. LADD

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD U R G E N T

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R, RE BUREAU PHONE CALL MARCH SIX. LOUIS NEMZER INTERVIEW MARCH SEVEN AT RESIDENCE, FOUR FIVE ONE LOVEMAN AVENUE, WORTHINGTON, OHIO. NEMZER BORN NYC AUGUST FIFTEEN NINETEEN THIRTEEN, MARRIED, HAS THREE CHILDREN, AND HAS BEEN EMPLOYED OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO, AS ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPT. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, SINCE OCT., FORTYEIGHT. HE IS ALSO CONSULTANT OF DEPT. OF STATE, OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL RESEARCH. ADVISES HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., PROBABLY MARCH SEVENTEEN. NEMZER MET COPLON WHOM HE CALLS JUDY IN FALL OF FORTYFOUR WHEN SHE BECAME EMPLOYEE OF FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION SECTION OF DEPARTMENT, ALSO OF OPINION SHE TRANSFERRED TO THIS SECTION FROM ANTITRUST DIVISION. HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN COPLON. NEMZER SAID COPLON HAD LITTLE PROFICIENCY IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE BUT HANDLED FRENCH FAIRLY WELL. SHE HAD NO REAL RESPONSIBILITY BUT ASSISTED NEMZER, WHO WAS ASSISTANT CHIEF IN FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT SECTION. COPLON DESCRIBED BY NEMZER AS POLITICALLY SOPHISTICATED, INTERPRETED BY HIM AS MEANING ONE SOMETIMES LEARNS BY BEING BURNED, THAT SHE KNEW THE PARTY LINE, COULD INTERPRET A PARTY SPEECH, COULD ANALYZE, SEEMED TO HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE IN WATCHING PARTY PERFORM, BUT NEVER MENTIONED ANY PRESENT OR PRIOR MEMBERSHIP IN CP. NEMZER DOES NOT FEEL COPLON WOULD HAVE VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY CP CONNECTIONS ON HER PART. ALSO BELIEVED SHE WAS

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QUOTE THE MOST ACCOMPLISHED ACTRESS HE HAD EVER KNOWN UNQUOTE  
IF SHE WAS SYMPATHETIC WITH CP. NEMZER QUOTE WOULD BE TREMENDOUSLY  
STARTLED IF SHE HAD ANY IDEOLOGICAL LOYALTY TO COMMUNIST  
PARTY UNQUOTE. COPLON WAS VERY INDUSTRIOUS GIRL, EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE,  
GREATLY FRUSTRATED, MOODY, POSSESSED OF ACTIVE BUT NOT FIRST RATE  
MIND. SHE WAS LONELY PERSON AND NEMZER KNEW OF NO STRONG FRIENDSHIPS  
SHE HAD. ONLY CLUE TO ANY CP CONNECTION WAS THAT COPLON VOLUNTEERED  
SHE HAD TALKED WITH MARTIN POPPER OF NATIONAL ~~ORGANIZATION~~  
LAWYERS GUILD AND HAD HAD LUNCH WITH POPPER QUOTE A COUPLE OF TIMES  
UNQUOTE. AT TIME POPPER-S NAME WAS MENTIONED HE WAS ONE OF  
ATTORNEYS FOR POLISH GOVT. IN WASHINGTON. NEMZER HAD  
REFUSED TO MEET POPPER OUTSIDE OF DEPT. BECAUSE HE CONSIDERED POPPER FEL-  
LOW TRAVELER WHO WAS ALWAYS IN CP FRONT ORGANIZATIONS. NEMZERS CONTACT  
WITH POPPER HAD BEEN DURING DISCUSSION IN DEPT. OF A POLISH MOTION  
PICTURE CO. AND RELATING TO MATTERS UNDER JURISDICTION OF NEMZERS  
SECTION. NEMZER DESCRIBED POPPER AS A PERSUASIVE SPEAKER WHO  
COULD HAVE INFLUENCED COPLON DUE TO HER EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY.  
NEMZER SAID ABOVE INCIDENT IS ONLY A CLUE AND NOTHING DEFINITE IS  
KNOWN BY HIM OF RELATIONSHIP OF COPLON AND POPPER. COPLON WAS  
SINGLE, AND RESIDED ALONE IN WASHINGTON, LATER TO BEST BELIEF OF  
NEMZER MOVED INTO SOME DORMITORY IN WASHINGTON, DATE AND ADDRESS  
UNKNOWN. COPLON MENTIONED TWO GIRL FRIENDS SHE HAD KNOWN IN NEW  
YORK, BUT NAMES ARE NOT KNOWN TO NEMZER. SHE MENTIONED  
HER PARENTS AND BROTHER IN NEW YORK. COPLON KNOWN TO

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FELLOW EMPLOYEE, PRESENTLY WITH STATE DEPARTMENT, FORMERLY WITH JUSTICE, WHO WAS HIRED ABOUT SAME TIME AS COPLON, BUT NOT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH COPLON PRIOR TO ASSOCIATION IN JUSTICE DEPT. [ ] CRIMINAL DIV., JUSTICE, HAD SOME DIFFERENCES BELIEVED PERSONAL, WITH COPLON. NATHANIEL LENVIN, JUSTICE, IN OFFICE NEXT TO COPLON, WAS FELLOW EMPLOYEE OF COPLON, BUT EXTENT OF HIS CONTACT WITH HER UNKNOWN. EXTENT OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL CONTACTS OUTSIDE DEPT. NOT KNOWN TO NEMZER. NEMZER KNOWS OF NO CONTACTS OF COPLON WHO WERE CONNECTED WITH CP OTHER THAN POPPER MENTIONED ABOVE. COPLON MADE FREQUENT WEEKEND TRIPS TO NEW YORK OFTEN LEAVING MIDDLE OF FRIDAY AFTERNOONS. ASSUMPTION ~~ON~~ ON PART OF NEMZER WAS THAT COPLON WENT TO HAVE CONTACTS WITH EARLY FRIENDS BECAUSE SHE WAS SUCH QUOTE A LONELY PERSON UNQUOTE. EXACT DATES OF TRIPS NOT KNOWN TO NEMZER, BUT GENERALLY WERE WEEKEND TRIPS, AND ON OCCASION, DATES NOT RECALLED, COPLON STAYED IN NY, BELIEVED ON VACATION. IN SUMMER OF FORTYEIGHT COPLON SURPRISED NEMZER BY ANNOUNCING SHE WAS TAKING A CONDUCTED TOUR TO FRANCE DESPITE FACT SHE HAD ALLEGEDLY PREVIOUSLY STATED SHE WAS TAKING SUMMER OFF TO WRITE A THESIS ON QUOTE FRENCH PROPAGANDA IN UNITED STATES DURING WORLD WAR TWO UNQUOTE. UPON RETURN TO U. S. IN SUMMER OR EARLY FALL OF FORTYEIGHT COPLON DID NOT APPEAR TO ~~LOOK~~ LOOK WELL TO NEMZER. COPLON STATED TO NEMZER THAT TRIP HAD BEEN MERELY A SIGHTSEEING TOUR AND NO CONTACTS WERE MENTIONED BY HER. FINANCIAL CONDITION OF COPLON APPEARED TO BE USUALLY GOOD

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AND SHE STATED SHE HAD SUFFICIENT MONEY FOR TRIP TO FRANCE. COPLON NEVER MENTIONED ANY FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES TO NEMZER. COPLON STATED TO NEMZER DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS DURING FORTYEIGHT ON OCCASION WHEN NEMZER WAS IN WASHINGTON D. C. THAT SHE WAS LOCATING AN APARTMENT FOR HER DOCTOR, NAME UNKNOWN, AND DID NOT HAVE TIME TO JOIN NEMZER AND FORMER ASSOCIATES FOR LUNCHEON. COPLON HAD BEEN TREATED BY DOCTOR FOR FEMALE TROUBLE AND HAD UNDERGONE OPERATION DURING PAST TWO YEARS. NEMZER FELT THAT COPLON HAD QUOTE WEASELED UNQUOTE OUT OF LUNCHEON. NEMZER TOOK [REDACTED] TO STATE DEPT. WITH HIM WHEN HE WENT WITH THAT DEPT. PRIOR THERETO COPLON AND [REDACTED] HAD BEEN PROMISED SALARY RAISES BY JUSTICE. COPLON SEEMED WILLING TO TRANSFER TO STATE DEPT. IF REQUESTED, BUT NEAR END OF FORTYSEVEN COPLON CHANGED VIEWS ABOUT TRANSFERRING FROM JUSTICE, WHICH SURPRISED NEMZER ALTHOUGH NEMZER KNEW OF NO EXPLANATION FOR HER CHANGE. NEMZER TALKED WITH SUPERVISOR OF COPLON IN JUSTICE DEPT. STATING HE COULD TAKE COPLON TO STATE DEPT IF SHE DID NOT RECEIVE RAISE. COPLON ~~EXX~~ HEARD OF INCIDENT AND PHONED NEMZER, ACTED SHARPLY, AND USED LANGUAGE INDICATING HER DISPLEASURE AT HIS ACTION. NEMZER BELIEVES COPLON HAD FULL ACCESS TO EVERYTHING IN RECORDS DIVISION OF JUSTICE BY PHONING FOR RECORDS OR BY PERSONAL SEARCH IN RECORDS ROOM. NO GUARD AGAINST COPLON EXTRACTING RECORDS AT NIGHT BECAUSE OF LACK OF PERSONNEL IN SECTION MAKING NIGHT WORK A COMMON OCCURRENCE AND RECORDS WERE AVAILABLE AT

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NIGHT TO COPLON. NEMZER EMPHASIZED DURING INTERVIEW FROM TIME TO TIME THAT COPLON WAS VERY EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE BUT THAT HE HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE SHE WAS CONNECTED WITH CP. NEMZER STATED THAT TO HIS RECOLLECTION HE AT NO TIME HAD FURNISHED ANY INFO OR STATEMENT REGARDING ANY SITUATION IN DEPT. OF JUSTICE OR FBI TO ANY OTHER GOVT. AGENCY OR TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY DEPT. OR TO ANY MEMBER OF ANY HOUSE COMMITTEE. NEMZER STATED THAT HE AND ASSOCIATES CONSIDERED THEIR POSITION WITH DEPT. TO BE A VERY SPECIAL ONE AND THAT THEY WERE EXTREMELY CONSCIOUS THAT MATERIAL THEY WORKED WITH WAS VERY CONFIDENTIAL AND THAT NO DISCUSSION TO HIS KNOWLEDGE WAS EVER HAD BY HIM WITH ANYONE CONCERNING ANY SITUATION WITHIN THE DEPT. OR CONCERNING ANY ACTIVITY IN DEPT. BY MEMBERS OF DEPT. OR OF THE FBI. NEMZER STATED THAT ON OCCASIONS WHILE HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH DEPT. HE HAD GONE TO THE RECORDS OF HCUA FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING INFO CONCERNING INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN INVESTIGATIONS IN HIS SECTION. HIS VISITS TO HCUA RECORDS WERE NOT FREQUENT AND HIS CONTACT THERE WAS WITH AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED MANDEL WHO HAS RECENTLY BEEN THE AUTHOR OF SOME ARTICLES IN NEWSPAPERS OR MAGAZINES. NEMZER SAYS NO DISCUSSIONS WERE HAD WITH ANY PERSON OF THE UNAMERICAN COMMITTEES OTHER THAN SOME INDIVIDUALS WHOM THE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE WERE INTERESTED IN HAVING THE STATE DEPT. KEEP IN THE ~~SECURITY~~ U. S. ~~SECURITY~~ BECAUSE OF SOME ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO THE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE. NEMZER MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY ONE.

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NAME SO REQUESTED AS THAT OF THE AUTHOR OF QUOTE OUT OF THE NIGHT UNQUOTE. NEMZER STATED THAT AT NO TIME HAD HE EVER CONTACTED ANY MEMBER OF HCUA AND THAT HIS ONLY CONTACT WITH MANDEL WHILE REVIEWING RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THAT COMMITTEE. NEMZER STATED THAT HE HAD WORKED WITH FBI AND HAD TESTIFIED AS A WITNESS IN CASE OF WHITE RUSSIAN IN THE CASE OF U. S. VS. VON ZIATSKY. ONE OF THE PARTIES IN THIS CASE WAS NAMED KUNZ. NEMZER WORKED ON THE CASE IN WASHINGTON AND THEN WENT TO HARTFORD, CONN., FOR SEVERAL DAYS, DATE NOT RECALLED, IN CONNECTION WITH CASE. NEMZER ALSO WORKED WITH FBI IN CASE OF U. S. VS. KAYFIELD RUSH, WHICH CASE INVOLVED A RUSSIAN ~~PROXX~~ PROPAGANDA DISSEMINATING AGENT. IN CONNECTION WITH DISCLOSURE OF ~~EXX~~ INFO CONCERNING ANY SITUATION IN DEPT., NEMZER ADVISED THAT DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF WAR THERE WAS A POLISH TRANSLATOR EMPLOYED BY DEPT. NAMED DOMBROWSKY, FIRST NAME UNKNOWN, WHO WAS FINALLY FORCED OUT OF DEPT. BECAUSE OF INEFFICIENCY. DOMBROWSKY ~~EXX~~ APARENTLY DID LOT OF TALKING AND ~~EXX~~ MAY HAVE WRITTEN LETTERS <sup>C</sup> CONCERNING SITUATION IN DEPT. TO ANYONE, INCLUDING UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE. NEMZER ALSO MENTIONED A MRS. LONGLEY, AN ELDERLY WOMAN WHO WAS QUOTE A LETTER WRITER UNQUOTE WHO HAD WRITTEN TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCERNING PEOPLE LOAFING IN DEPT. NEMZER SUGGESTED MRS. LONGLEY AND ABOVE MENTIONED DOMBROWSKY AS ONLY TWO PERSONS HE COULD THINK OF AS LIKELY TO HAVE TRANSMITTED INFO CONCERNING ANY SITUATION IN DEPT. TO OUTSIDE SOURCES. NEMZER ADVISED HE WILL CONTINUE TO ~~COGNXX~~ COGITATE ON SITUATION AND ANY FURTHER ~~EXX~~ RECOLLECTION CONCERNING COPLON OR

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SITUATION WITHIN DEPT. WILL BE GIVEN TO THIS OFFICE. NEMZER IS  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *HAFW*

DATE: March 8, 1949

FROM : V. P. KEAY *VPK*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____

Referral/Consult

Reference my memorandum of March 7, 1949, in which it was pointed out that [REDACTED]

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Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

The document which is the basis for this information is not being considered for declassification at this time, and it was pointed out that no such action is contemplated in the immediate future.

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Mr. David R. George  
Publicity Department  
Long Island Railroad  
Jamaica, New York

Dear Mr. George:

I have received your telegram of March 7, 1949. Although I would like to be of assistance in connection with your request departmental regulations require that information of the type you desire be kept confidential and for official use only, when it relates to a pending matter. If I can be of service at another time please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

EDITOR OF INSIDE DETECTIVE MAGAZINE HAS ASSIGNED ME TO WRITE  
CASE OF JUDITH COPLON AND VALENTIN GUBITCHEV WILL YOU KINDLY  
FORWARD ALL PRESENTLY AVAILABLE MATERIAL INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*  
 FROM : L. Whitson *EW*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, with alias  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 9, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At approximately 12:40 P.M. today, Supervisor Branigan returned to the office of Mr. Clive Palmer the Department's personnel files on Stephen W. Mamchur and Louis Nemzer. At that time, Mr. Palmer advised that he had been instructed by Mr. Peyton Ford that the Bureau should interview Mamchur and Nathan Thomas Elliff.

At the same time when the personnel files were being returned, Mr. James McInerney was in the office of Mr. Palmer and he informed that he was instructed by Mr. Peyton Ford to contact Lou Russell of the HCUA and determine "what the fuss was all about." McInerney related that if Lou Russell had previously contacted anyone in the Department, it was probably himself since they were acquainted. McInerney also stated that he could not recall having any conversations with Russell regarding the Foreign Agents Registration Section. *Two*

The above facts were telephonically furnished to Mr. Ladd. *Ladd*

## RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Ladd instructed that we should review the indices on Nathan Elliff and set out appropriate instructions to the Field to have him interviewed. *lrm*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. T. Harbo *RS*  
 FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo *JS*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 10, 1949

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

The Department of Justice personnel file of JUDITH COPLON, which was delivered personally to SA F. E. Webb on March 5, 1949 by SA W. A. Branigan of the Security Investigative Division, is attached hereto for return to that division in order that an appropriate disposition may be made of this file. The handwriting specimens of JUDITH COPLON contained in this file have been used as the known standards in the comparison with questioned handwriting in this case, and appropriate photographic copies have been made for the Laboratory's file.

*Mr. Fletcher*  
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*lm*

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For Immediate Release:  
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1949

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Attorney General Tom C. Clark today announced that a Federal Grand Jury in New York City indicted Judith Coplon and Valentine A. Gubitchev on a four-count indictment charging them with conspiracy to defraud the United States Government.

Copy of the indictment is attached.

The Government's case was presented to the Grand Jury by United States Attorney John F. X. McGohey and Special Assistants to the Attorney General Raymond P. Whearty and Thomas J. Donegan.

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The Attorney General said that prior to Miss Coplon's arrest no Committee of Congress had been in communication with the Department of Justice concerning the activity of Judith Coplon.

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From  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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Official indicated below by check mark

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Assistant to the Attorney General . . . . .	
Executive Assistant to the Attorney General . . . . .	
Assistant Attorney General, Anti-Trust . . . . .	
Assistant Attorney General, Tax . . . . .	
Assistant Attorney General, Claims . . . . .	
Alien Enemy Control Section . . . . .	
Alien Property Section . . . . .	
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Assistant Solicitor General . . . . .	
Director, FBI . . . . .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Director of Prisons . . . . .	
Director, Office of Alien Property . . . . .	
Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization . . . . .	
Liaison Officer, Immigration and Naturalization . . . . .	
Administrative Assistant . . . . .	
Division of Accounts . . . . .	
Division of Communications and Records . . . . .	
Division of Supplies . . . . .	
Pardon Attorney . . . . .	
Parole Board . . . . .	
Board of Immigration Appeals . . . . .	
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Mr. Brown . . . . .	
Col. Naramore . . . . .	
Mr. Hyatt . . . . .	
Mr. Coblenz . . . . .	
Miss O'Donnell . . . . .	
Miss Healy . . . . .	
Mrs. Kroll . . . . .	
Miss Adams . . . . .	
Miss Doyle . . . . .	
Mrs. Willey . . . . .	
Mrs. Burke . . . . .	
Mrs. Kelly . . . . .	

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Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

JUDITH<sup>0</sup> COPLON. ESPIONAGE - R. NYT FIVE ONE TWO HAS DISCLOSED IN  
NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS OVER WEEKEND THAT COPLON DOES NOT INTEND TO  
USE BERTRAM ADAMS AS HER ATTORNEY IN ENSUING TRIAL. BOTH SHE AND  
BERT COPLON ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN THE SERVICE OF SOME PROMINENT  
ATTORNEY WHOSE NAME WOULD HELP COPLON-S CAUSE. NO DEFINITE ATTOR-  
NEY DECIDED UPON TO DATE. AS OF ONE TEN P.M. YESTERDAY COPLON HAD  
STILL NOT DISCUSSED THE FACTS OF THE CASE WITH ADAMS AND IT APPEARED  
THAT SHE WAS TRYING TO STALL HIM OFF UNTIL SHE HAD DEFINITELY OB-  
TAINED ANOTHER ATTORNEY. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY IMPOR-  
TANT DEVELOPMENTS THIS CASE.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
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Director, FBI

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(Your file #65-1523)

Reference is made to Laboratory Report D-55610 BT dated March 3, 1949 regarding specimens K15 through K19 submitted to the Laboratory by your office with a letter dated March 7, 1949.

Specimens K15, K16, K18 and K19 are being returned to you herewith. However, specimen K17 has been identified with some questioned material in this case; this specimen is being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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## Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: March 15, 1949

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *L*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

While talking with ASAC Belmont at 3:40 P.M. today in connection with another matter, he advised that Agents of the New York Office had spent about three hours today interviewing Bert Coplon, Judith's brother. Thus far it appears that Bert has not been able to get anything out of his sister although he indicated very definitely that he was "working on it." Mr. Belmont commented that Bert Coplon appears to have a strong desire to cooperate but thus far it looks like Judith is a "tough duck to crack" even for her own family.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HB F*

DATE: March 15, 1949

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *L*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
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Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department called at 12:20 P.M. and requested that Special Agent [redacted], report to his office, Room 2107, in the Department sometime around noon tomorrow, March 16. Mr. Whearty stated that [redacted] was a necessary witness before the Grand Jury in the District of Columbia, which is scheduled to meet at 1:30 P.M. tomorrow. Mr. Whearty indicated that [redacted] testimony should not take more than an hour and, as far as he was aware at the moment, [redacted] could undoubtedly return to New York tomorrow afternoon or early evening.

b3 Rule 6(e)

In the absence of ASAC Belmont and Supervisor Granville, I talked with Special Agent R. L. Schwartz, who was acting for Mr. Granville, at 12:30 P.M. and requested that Agent [redacted] report to Mr. Whearty's office by noon tomorrow.

ADDENDUM:

At 2:50 P.M. Mr. Whearty called and added that the testimony of Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of the WFO and also of [redacted] of the FBI Laboratory would be necessary tomorrow afternoon before the Grand Jury. Mr. Whearty asked that these men, too, report to him at his office around noon tomorrow in order to permit a brief discussion of the matter before proceeding to the District Court for purposes of presenting the case to the Grand Jury.

Mr. Parsons of the Laboratory has been advised of Mr. Whearty's request as has Mr. McCaslin, who was acting for Supervisor Delavigne of the WFO.

LLL:mer

CC: Mr. D. J. Parsons

ADDENDUM:

At 3:10 P.M. Mr. Whearty called again and asked if it would be possible to have SA [redacted] of the New York Office bring with him [redacted]

[redacted] in connection with this case. Mr. Whearty advised that [redacted]

[redacted] He said that they were not identified before the Grand

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Jury in the SDNY but he believed they would be of interest before a "foreign" Grand Jury.

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Mr. Whearty's request was made known to ASAC Belmont at 3:40 P.M., who stated that Agent [ ] would bring [ ] in question with him when he reports to Mr. Whearty tomorrow.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 65-1674

REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-15-49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-6,7,10-49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN J. SAVAGE</b>
TITLE <b>JUDITH COPLON, was, et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE-R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

LOUIS NEMZER, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, and Consultant to Office of Intelligence Research, Department of State, advised COPLON known by him since fall of 1944, as fellow employee of Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice. COPLON described by NEMZER as a person who knew Party Line and to have had experience in watching the Party perform but never mentioned any CP membership. NEMZER does not believe COPLON had any ideological loyalty to the CP. COPLON also described by NEMZER as emotionally unstable and moody. No strong friendships of COPLON known to NEMZER. NEMZER advised MARTIN POPPER of National Lawyers Guild, described as "fellow traveller" only clue to any CP connection of COPLON. Social activities and contacts of COPLON outside of Department not known to NEMZER. Only trips of COPLON were frequent week end trips to New York City and one tour of France in summer of 1948. COPLON had no financial troubles, to knowledge of NEMZER. In 1947, COPLON was displeased at action of NEMZER in discussing transfer from Justice to State Department. NEMZER believes COPLON had full access to everything in Records Division of Justice Department and possible for her to extract records at night. NEMZER considered his own position with Justice Department a "very special" one and extremely confidential. States no "situation" in Department of Justice or his work ever discussed with anyone. Only contact of NEMZER with any member of H.C.U.A. was with one "MANDEL"; on occasions

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when H.C.U.A. records were checked by NEMZER. No phase of Justice Department "situation" or work ever discussed by NEMZER with any person connected with H.C.U.A. or any other government agency. Source of H.C.U.A. information on "situation" in Justice Department may be STEPHEN MAMCHUR although NEMZER would be "surprised" at any discussion of Justice Department by MAMCHUR.

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DETAILS: AT COLUMBUS, OHIO:

Mr. LOUIS NEMZER, was interviewed by Special Agent RALPH BACHMAN and reporting agent, at his residence, 451 Loveman Avenue, Worthington, Ohio, on March 7, 1949.

For the purpose of this investigation, this report is divided into logical sub-divisions, in order to facilitate the perusal of the subject matter, relative to the various topics of information obtained from Mr. NEMZER.

PERSONAL HISTORY, RESIDENCE AND OCCUPATION OF LOUIS NEMZER:

Mr. NEMZER advised that he was an American citizen, by birth, having been born August 15, 1913, at New York City. He is married, has three children, and is presently employed by Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, as an Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, where he has been employed since October, 1948. He lectured on American foreign policy in the Soviet Union. He was originally employed by the Department of Justice as a Consultant in the spring of 1941 and left the Department of Justice in the spring of 1947. He was employed by the State Department, Office of Intelligence Research, in May, 1947, and still acts as a Consultant to the Office of Intelligence Research of the Department of State.

Mr. NEMZER advised that he had also served as an expert witness for the government in several trials involving prosecution of foreign agents. He stated that he is an expert on Communism and the Eastern situation.

In connection with his employment by the Department of Justice, Mr. NEMZER stated that he had first worked for the Special Defense Unit with Mr. ALLEN C. SMITH and that this Unit later became the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department. Mr. NEMZER stated that he is able to read Russian



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and that in his testimony in the trials in which he had participated, he picked out items of propaganda that could be used in the trial. Mr. NEMZER stated that he had worked on the case of the United States vs RAYFIELD RUSH, a Russian Agent, who had disseminated propaganda in the United States, without registering as an agent. He also did some work for the Department in connection with the case of the United States vs VON ZIATSKY, whose trial was held in Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. NEMZER described VON ZIATSKY as a white Russian and the only other feature of the case he recalled at the time of the interview was the fact that a man named KUNZE was involved in the case.

INFORMATION CONCERNING JUDITH COPLON:

Mr. NEMZER stated that he first met JUDITH COPLON, whom he called "JUDY" in the fall of 1944, when she became an employee of the Foreign Agents Section of the Department. NEMZER said that he had received the impression at that time that she had previously been connected with the Anti-Trust Division of the Department before effecting her transfer to the Foreign Agents Registration Section. Mr. NEMZER said that he had not previously been acquainted with JUDY COPLON. At the time JUDITH COPLON became an employee of the Section, it was under the supervision of Mr. JESSE M. McKNIGHT. Mr. NEMZER described himself as one of the two Assistant Chiefs of the Section, who was responsible for the corrolation of data on foreign language groups. He specialized in activity in Left Wing groups, during the period after the war. JUDITH COPLON came to the Section as a Junior Assistant and assisted NEMZER as part of her duties. She had no real responsibility at this time.

Mr. NEMZER said that COPLON had little proficiency in the Russian language but handled the French language very well.

Mr. NEMZER described COPLON as a "political sophisticate." He explained that JUDITH COPLON had a certain amount of sophistication about Left Wing groups. By this, he said that he meant that "one sometimes learns by being burned," that COPLON knew the Party Line, could interpret a Party operation, was able to analyze Party propaganda and seemed to have had experience in watching the Communist Party perform. Mr. NEMZER said that COPLON had never mentioned any prior or present membership in the Communist Party and, based on his association with her in the Department, he did not feel that she would have volunteered any information concerning any Communist Party connection on her part. Mr. NEMZER also said that he believed that COPLON was "the most accomplished actress he had ever known", if she were sympathetic with the Communist Party and that he would be "tremendously startled" if she had any ideological loyalty to the Communist Party.

Mr. NEMZER said that COPLON was a very industrious girl,

in connection with her work, but that she was emotionally unstable, greatly frustrated and moody. He believed that she had an active but not a first rate mind. He said that part of the work done by COPLON was to read the Daily Worker and other Left Wing publications and that on many occasions, he and COPLON "tossed jokes back and forth about the Communists" and that as a result of these exchanges of comments about the actions of the Communist Party, he did not believe that COPLON had any connection with the Communists.

Mr. NEMZER stated that he knew of no strong friendships that COPLON had and that he believed that she was a very lonesome person. He stated that the only knowledge he had of any social activities or contacts of COPLON outside of the Department were those occurring at several gatherings held at the home of JESSE MCKNIGHT, for the employees of the Foreign Agents Registration Section. COPLON had visited at the home of NEMZER perhaps twice, during their association but the NEMZERS had never visited the apartment of COPLON.

Mr. NEMZER stated that the only clue that he could offer concerning any Communist Party connection of COPLON was her association with MARTIN POPPER, Secretary of the National Lawyers' Guild. NEMZER stated that he believed that MARTIN POPPER was a "fellow traveller" because he was always in Communist front organizations and had made strong pro-Russian speeches. NEMZER said that at the time he met POPPER, POPPER was one of the Attornies for the Polish government and had had contact with the Department of Justice in connection with the registration of a motion picture concern, as a proper registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. NEMZER said that during the occasions that POPPER had contacted him, NEMZER, as a Polish Analyst of the Department, they argued politics and POPPER pressed him, NEMZER, very hard to get him outside of the Department at lunch and at social engagements. NEMZER stated that he always laughed these appointments off and advised POPPER that if he had anything to say to him, NEMZER, he could say it at his Department. NEMZER stated that he did not recall the exact date, but that on one occasion, he had some "very hot and unpleasant words" with POPPER concerning the registration of the motion picture concern referred to above; also that JUDITH COPLON knew of this. Nevertheless, COPLON later stated that she had talked with POPPER and had had lunch with him a couple of times. NEMZER said that he believed that POPPER was a very persuasive speaker and that taking into account the likely loneliness and emotional unstable condition of COPLON, it was possible that a man of POPPER's persuasiveness might have persuaded her to perform most any action.

JUDITH COPLON, to the best knowledge of Mr. NEMZER, was a single person. She resided alone in Washington, when first known to Mr. NEMZER and later, exact date unknown, she moved into some dormitory in

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Washington but the address of the apartment was not known to Mr. NEMZER. Mr. NEMZER stated, in connection with friendships of COPLON, that she once mentioned two girl friends whom she had known in New York but their names were not recalled by him. She also mentioned her parents and a brother in New York.

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Mr. NEMZER stated that COPLON was also known to [redacted] who was employed by the Justice Department at approximately the same time as JUDY COPLON. Mr. NEMZER stated that he did not believe that COPLON and [redacted] knew each other before their association as fellow employees with the Department of Justice. [redacted] is presently employed by the State Department.

Mr. NEMZER advised that JUDY COPLON was also known to SIDNEY BRODY of the Criminal Division of the Department and that BRODY had had several strong arguments with COPLON but that these were of a personal nature, to the best of Mr. NEMZER's knowledge. Other than these arguments and personal differences, BRODY and COPLON apparently got along well together.

Mr. NEMZER said that NATHANIEL LENDIN of the Department of Justice had an office next to that occupied by COPLON in the Department but he did not know the extent of contacts between LENDIN and COPLON.

In connection with trips made by COPLON while she was associated with the Department of Justice, Mr. NEMZER stated that she made frequent week end trips to New York City, often leaving in the middle of Friday afternoons. Mr. NEMZER stated that these trips were made every two or three weeks and that he assumed that she went to New York to have contact with her early friends because she was such a lonely person in Washington. Mr. NEMZER also stated that he knew that JUDY COPLON had been making the trips to New York over the week ends prior to the fall of 1946, because, on one occasion, in the fall of 1946, he, NEMZER, drove to New York, with his family and COPLON suggested that her mother might be able to arrange hotel reservations for him. Mr. NEMZER also said that he knows that prior to his trip to New York, COPLON had been making regular week end trips there.

Mr. NEMZER also stated that in addition to the parents residing in New York City, he believed that COPLON had one brother residing there, who was a Dentist in the City. The parents and the brother were the only relatives mentioned by COPLON. Mr. NEMZER also stated that he recalled vaguely that on several occasions, COPLON stayed in New York over a period of a couple of weeks and that he believed these were on vacation.

Mr. NEMZER stated that in the summer of 1948, COPLON surprised him by stating that she was taking a conducted tour of France. Mr. NEMZER said that he was quite surprised by this statement because he knew that COPLON was attending the American University, working toward her Masters degree and that he had previously heard from her that she was going to take off the summer of 1948, for the purpose of writing her thesis. Mr. NEMZER said that this thesis was "French Propaganda in the United States During World War II." Mr. NEMZER stated that he was also surprised because she was taking a conducted tour of France and that he did not think that her actions "made sense." Mr. NEMZER stated that he saw COPLON in Washington after she came back from her trip to France, in the summer of 1948, just prior to his departure for Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of taking up his duties with Ohio State University. Mr. NEMZER stated that at this time, COPLON did not look very well and stated that she had spent her time in France making a "sight-seeing tour" of the country. COPLON mentioned no specific contacts, acquaintances, or friends that she had made in France on this trip.

In connection with this trip to France, Mr. NEMZER stated that the financial condition of JUDITH COPLON appeared to be unusually good and that when he questioned her about finances relative to her trip to France, she stated that she had sufficient money to pay for the trip. Mr. NEMZER said that at no time during his association with COPLON had she ever mentioned any financial difficulties or problems to him and appeared not to have any.

Mr. NEMZER stated that he had visited Washington, D.C., during the Christmas holidays of 1948 and that he had planned to contact his former associates in the Department of Justice. He spoke to COPLON on the telephone concerning a luncheon engagement but that COPLON "weasled out" of the luncheon and gave as an excuse the reason that she had to help locate an apartment for her Doctor. Mr. NEMZER stated that they talked on the telephone for a couple of minutes and that at this time, some discussion was had between them ridiculing the Communist Party, through some items that had appeared in the Press at that time.

In connection with the excuse used by COPLON relative to her assisting her Doctor, Mr. NEMZER stated that COPLON had apparently been treated by a Doctor for "female trouble" and had undergone an operation, during the past two years.

Mr. NEMZER stated that when he left the Justice Department, he had taken [redacted] with him to work in the Department of State. At

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this time, [ ] and COPLON had been promised raises for some time. NEMZER said that prior to the time he had transferred to the State Department, COPLON had expressed her willingness to also transfer to the State Department, as requested, but on the occasion, when he had taken [ ] with him to the State Department, she seemed to have changed her views about transferring from the Justice Department and he, NEMZER, knew of no explanation for this change. Mr. NEMZER said that shortly after he had gone to the State Department, he, NEMZER, had gone back to the Justice Department and had spoken to COPLON's superior, stating that he would take JUDY to the State Department with him if they did not promote her or give her a raise. Shortly thereafter, NEMZER received a telephone call from COPLON. During the conversation, she spoke to him "very sharply" and said things that a "lady would not say" about his interference in her affairs and stated that she did not desire to leave the Justice Department. Mr. NEMZER said that he attributed COPLON's reaction to this incident as evidence of her emotional state and did not answer her back.

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Mr. NEMZER said that while COPLON was an employee of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, he believed she had full access to everything in the records division of the Justice Department and could obtain any record by simply phoning for the record to be brought to her office or by a personal search of the files in the record room. He said that after the close of the War, the personnel of the Foreign Agents Registration Section had been reduced and, as a result of the reduction in force, the remaining personnel had a great deal of night work and it was quite a common occurrence for the remaining personnel to work at night. Mr. NEMZER said there was no guard against taking out records at night and that it was possible that COPLON could secure these records and remove them. Mr. NEMZER said that he believed that COPLON could even secure data from the locked files of the Records Division because he believed that she had keys and could secure the files.

Mr. NEMZER, from time to time, during the course of the interview with him, repeatedly stated that he felt that JUDY COPLON was a very lonely and emotionally unstable person and that he could only attribute any action on her part to which she is accused in this investigation as due to her emotional instability and had no information concerning any connection other than as set out above in this report.

INFORMATION CONCERNING "SITUATION" IN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

Mr. NEMZER stated that to his recollection, he had, at no time, furnished any information or statement regarding any "situation" in the Department of Justice or the Federal Bureau of Investigation to any other government agency and to his recollection, any representative of any government agency or Department or to any member or representative of any house committee. He stated that he had never talked with anyone in the Department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any government agency in connection with JUDY COPLON or any leanings which he believed might indicate disloyalty. Mr. NEMZER stated that he had never talked with anyone concerning any leaks or indication of lack of security in the Department. He stated that when any question concerning any matters in the Department of Justice arose, it was handled within the Department and no comment was made by him to any person outside the Department other than his superiors. Mr. NEMZER stated that he considered his position with the Department of Justice to be a "very special" position and that he believed that his associates also considered their positions to be "very special" positions and that they were all extremely conscientious of the work and felt that it was highly confidential. Mr. NEMZER said that no discussion, to his knowledge, was ever had by him or any person in the Department concerning any pro-Russian or pro-Communist situation within the Department.

Mr. NEMZER stated that on several occasions, while he was associated with the Department of Justice, he had gone to the Committee room of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, for the purpose of reviewing records maintained by the Committee in connection with some of the subjects being handled by the Foreign Agents Registration Section. He stated that he had contacted an individual on these occasions by the name of "MANDEL" but that no discussion had ever been had with "MANDEL" or any other person connected with the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning any "situation" in the Department of Justice. Mr. NEMZER said that his visits to the record room of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were not frequent and that the only discussions he ever had were those discussions regarding individuals who had furnished information to the House Committee and whom the House Committee were interested in having the State Department of the government keep in the United States.

Mr. NEMZER stated that he could not recall any specific case in this connection but that he did recall that one individual was the author of "Out of the Night." Mr. NEMZER also said that he had never been approached nor had any discussion ever been had with him by any member of any House Committee or any person connected with any House Committee,

concerning his appearance as a witness before any House Committee.

In connection with any alleged "situation" in the Department of Justice, Mr. NEMZER said that during the early days of the war, there had been a Polish translator employed by the Department of Justice, named DON BROWSKY, first name unknown, who was finally forced out of the Department because of inefficiency. He stated that DONEROWSKY had done a "lot of talking" and may have written letters to the H.C.U.A. or other persons concerning the Department but that this was only a conjecture on his, NEMZER's, part.

Mr. NEMZER also stated that there was a Mrs. LANGLEY, who was employed by the Department of Justice and who was a "letter writer" who wrote to the Attorney General, stating that people in the Department were loafing. Mr. NEMZER offered this name as one of the few persons he could recall who might have transmitted information concerning any situation in the Department to outside sources.

On March 7, 1949, an article appeared in the Columbus Citizen, a daily newspaper published in Columbus, Ohio, concerning the investigation herein. A telephone call was received by reporting agent from Mr. NEMZER after the edition of the Columbus Citizen had been distributed and Mr. NEMZER stated that the March 7 edition of the Citizen in a story relating to instant case, carried an article with a date line of March 7, 1949, Washington, D.C. The pertinent portion of this article referred to by Mr. NEMZER was "Spy hunters have already lined up a Midwest University Professor for the role of starting (or startling) witness in the COPLON case. The Professor's name is not disclosed. He once worked as a Consultant to the Foreign Agents Registration Office. He resigned in 1946 because he said the division was pro-Russian and pro-Communist." Mr. NEMZER stated that the foregoing release did not refer to himself but might possibly refer to STEPHEN MAMCHUR who was formerly associated with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice and had resigned about 1946 and appeared to be somewhat "resentful" at the time he left the Department. Mr. NEMZER said that he had last heard of MAMCHUR as a Professor of Sociology at Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan. NEMZER added, however, that he would be "surprised" if MAMCHUR had said that the Department or the Foreign Agents Registration Section was pro-Russian or pro-Communist.

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INFORMATION SHEET

Copies of this report are being designated for the New York Field Office in view of that Office's interest in this case.

Copies of this report are also being designated for the Detroit Office in view of information concerning the residence of STEPHEN NAMCHUR in Detroit. No lead to interview NAMCHUR has been set out in this report, that being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin herein.



SAC, Washington

March 11, 1949

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to Laboratory report dated March 7, 1949 stating that the Corona portable typewriter, K12, would be returned to Washington Field Division. Accordingly, this typewriter which has Serial No. 1C180116, was given personally by SA F. E. Webb to SA L. W. R. Oberndorf of the Washington Field Office on March 10, 1949. This is the same typewriter that was obtained by SA Oberndorf by a search warrant from the apartment of JUDITH COPLON at McLean Gardens, Washington, D. C., March 5, 1949. Appropriate specimens of this typewriter have been made for the Laboratory's examinations.

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TO : MR. TOLSON *km*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON

DATE: March 11, 1949

Mr. Tolson ☒

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Miss Holmes ☒

For record purposes, there is attached hereto the press release that was issued at 5:20 A. M., on March 5, 1949 by Mr. Dean Schedler to the AP, the UP and the INS. While I prepared the attached release originally it was revised by Peyton Ford and Dean Schedler. Schedler did not make any statements and he is refusing all comment since then. At the time the attached statement was given out Schedler did not give out the portion under the heading of "Background." Prior to giving the statement out, Peyton Ford read it to Dean Rusk, Assistant Secretary of State, who approved the release.

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Miss Coplon had concealed in her purse a flat package containing typewritten summaries of information abstracted from FBI reports involving ~~CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS INVOLVING SECURITY DATA~~ security data and restricted information, contrary to departmental regulations, AND RESTRICTED INFORMATION.

One handwritten note covered information directed to the department from the FBI dated March 3, 1949 and after abstracting the data the author of the note showed as its source "Bureau memorandum 3-3-49." Another abstract stated: "I have not been able (and don't think I will) to get the top secret FBI Report...."

~~All of the data in the possession of Miss Coplon was recovered prior to its being transmitted to any other unauthorized person.~~

The Attorney General said that immediately upon being alerted to suspected <sup>book</sup> ~~stop~~ <sup>stop</sup> were taken <sup>insured</sup> against the misuse of Miss. Coplon's affiliations, <sup>insured</sup> against the misuse of restricted information coming into the possession of the department.

As the investigation progressed the Attorney General, department officials, Director J. Edgar Hoover, and State Department officials closely cooperated in bringing the case to a conclusion. Since he was an employee of the United Nations Secretariat, the matter is being discussed between State Department officials and officials of the Secretariat.

### BACKGROUND

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Valentine Alekskevich Gubitchev was born June 24, 1916, Ikoloskote, Orlov Province, U. S. S. R. ~~At the time of his arrival in the United States he was accompanied by his wife, Lidia Nazarovna Gubitchova, and his daughter. His wife left the United States on the S. S. Pobeda on July 31, 1948.~~ At the time of his entry into the United States he was described as the Third Secretary of the USSR Secretariat of the United Nations. A recent listing, however, indicates he is assigned to the Planning Office of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of the Manhattan Office of the United Nations.

Attorney General Tom C. Clark announced tonight that FBI Agents arrested Judith Coplon, 27, an employee of the Department of Justice, and Valentine A. Gubitchev, 32, a member of the Russian delegation to the United Nations, in New York City, on charges of Conspiracy to commit an offense against The United States pertaining to the removal of Government records and defraud the U. S. of the faithful and impartial services of Miss Coplon.

The Attorney General said --- The FBI investigation under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover, culminating in the arrests was originally initiated as a part of the Federal Employee Loyalty Program; an extensive investigation was initiated. The resulting investigation disclosed clandestine meetings between Miss Coplon and Gubitchev. Gubitchev is described as the Third Secretary of the USSR Secretariat of the United Nations assigned to the Manhattan office of the U. N. Continued investigation disclosed that Miss Coplon's activities on March 4, 1949 paralleled her activities prior to other meetings with Gubitchev and, accordingly, her activities were closely scrutinized from the moment she departed from Washington at 1 p.m. Friday, en route to New York City.

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miss coplon had ~~concealed~~ in her purse a flat package containing typewritten summaries of information abstracted from fbi reports involving ~~security data and restricted information contrary to departmental regulations.~~

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one ~~handwritten~~ note covered information directed to the department from the fbi dated march 3 1949 and after abstracting the data the author of the note showed as its source "bureau memorandum 3 3 49. 11" "I have not been able to get this top secret FBI insert. A Nothen Abstract stated: Report which I described to Michael and Samet re communist intelligence source activities in the U.S."

all of the data in the possession of miss coplon was ~~being~~ **RECORDED** its being transmitted to any other unauthorized person.

the attorney general said that immediately upon ~~being~~ being alerted to miss coplons affiliations ~~many~~ steps were taken to insure against the misuse of restricted information coming into the possession of the department.

as the investigation progressed the attorney general, department officials, director j edgar hoover, and state department officials closely cooperated in bringing the case to a conclusion.

Since he was an employee of the United Nations Secretariat, the matter is being discussed between State Dept. officials and officials of the Secretariat.

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Attorney General Tom C. Clark Announced tonight that FBI Agents arrested Judith Coplon, 27, an employee of the Department of Justice, and Valentine A. Gubitchev, 32, a member of the Russian delegation to the United Nations, in New York City, on charges of Conspiracy to commit an offense against The United States pertaining to the removal of Government records and defraud the U.S. of the faithful and impartial services of Miss Coplon.

The Attorney General said --- The FBI investigation, <sup>under the Direction of J. Edgar Hoover</sup> which culminated in the arrests was originally initiated as a part of the Federal Employee Loyalty Program, <sup>an extensive investigation was initiated</sup> and an extensive investigation was initiated. The resulting investigation disclosed clandestine meetings between Miss Coplon and Gubitchev, <sup>Gubitchev is described as the 3rd Secy of the USSR Secretariat assigned to the Manhattan office of the UN.</sup> who entered the United States on July 20, 1945, at which time he was described as the Third Secretary of the USSR Secretariat of the United Nations. Continued investigation disclosed that Miss Coplon's activities on March 4, 1949 paralleled her activities prior to other meetings with Gubitchev and, accordingly, her activities were closely scrutinized from the moment she departed from Washington at 1 p.m. Friday, en route to New York City.

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

March 11, 1949

To: SAC, Washington Field

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 9, 1949.

Re: JUDITH CORICH  
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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO.  
FILE NO.  
LAB. NO. III

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Examination requested by: Washington Field

Reference: Letter dated March 9, 1949

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

The following specimens are on 5" x 8" abstract forms used by the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice:

- K20 Original and 1 carbon copy of 1-page typewritten form headed "Napoli" and beginning "Con. Informant T-4 advised on Oct. 8, 1946..."
- K21 Original and 3 carbon copies of 1-page typewritten form headed "Novaya Zarya" and beginning "On Sept. 6, 1946, Jacob Iosakin..."
- K22 Original and 2 carbon copies of 2-page typewritten form headed "Novaya Zarya", 1st page beginning "On September 10, 1947, Source I...", 2nd page beginning "of four inches by five inches..."
- K23 Original of 1-page typewritten form headed "Novaya Zarya", beginning "On Oct. 11, 1948, Source L, a former Czarist..."
- K24 Original and 3 carbon copies of 2-page typewritten form headed "Novaya Zarya", 1st page beginning "On Aug. 13, 1948 Source O was...", 2nd page beginning "White Russian circles..."
- K25 Original of 2-page typewritten form headed "General Nicolae Radescu", 1st page beginning "See Bureau report dated May 15, 1948, Re:...", 2nd page beginning "exiled political leaders were..."
- K26 Original and 5 carbon copies of 2-page typewritten form headed "Czechoslovakian Total and Industry", 1st page beginning "Kliment started to the informant...", 2nd page beginning "The (Immigration) file further contained..."

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Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
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- K27 Original of 1-page typewritten form headed "Kramer", beginning "In connection with obtaining...".
- K28 Original and 1 carbon copy of 1-page typewritten form headed "Nicholas George Nicholas, w/a", beginning "Subject reported performing liaison...".

#### RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

It has been determined that the carbon copies, specimens Q25 through Q33, taken from JUDITH COPLON's purse on March 4, 1949 were prepared simultaneously with and are direct carbon copies of their corresponding typewritten originals obtained from Room #2220, Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C., as set out below:

#### CARBON COPIES OBTAINED FROM JUDITH COPLON'S PURSE ON MARCH 4, 1949

#### ORIGINAL COPIES (AND OTHER CARBONS) OBTAINED FROM ROOM #2220, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Q25 . . . . .	K20 (one original and one copy)
Q26 . . . . .	K21 (one original and three copies)
Q27 . . . . .	K22 (one original and two copies)
Q28 . . . . .	K23 (one original)
Q29 . . . . .	K24 (one original and three copies)
Q30 . . . . .	K25 (one original)
Q31 . . . . .	K26 (one original and five copies)
Q32 . . . . .	K27 (one original)
Q33 . . . . .	K28 (one original and one copy)

Specimens Q25 through Q33 were submitted to the Laboratory by the New York office with a letter dated March 4, 1949. These specimens are listed and described in the Laboratory report dated March 7, 1949 to the Washington Field office with copies for the New York office.

Specimens K20 through K28 are being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI      Attn: FBI Laboratory

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 9, 1949

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Re FBI Laboratory report dated March 4, 1949, identifying Documents Q-25 through Q-33, as having been typed on Royal Typewriter, Serial KMM-2585483, located in room 2216, Department of Justice Building. It is observed that these documents are carbon copies.

An examination of a wooden box located on the west side of room 2220, which room is the office of subject, reflects that in the rear of this box in a section of unfiled material, the originals of Q-25 through Q-29 and Q-33 were located.

It has been learned that subject as a political analyst reviewed Bureau reports which might have a bearing on Foreign Agents Registration Act matters. If she felt the information appearing in the reports would be of some possible future use to the FARS, she underlined sentences in the synopsis and details she desired written up on a "data slip". In the upper left hand corner of the data slips, there usually appeared the name of the file or subject matter with which the Bureau report concerned itself. In the upper right hand corner of the data slips, there usually appears the names of individuals or organizations which are mentioned in the summary of information appearing on the data slips.

For an illustration, the Bureau's attention is directed to Q-25. In the upper left hand corner there is written, "Napoli". In the upper right hand corner there is written, "Communist Party Secretary of Peru" and "Artkino". This means that the stenographer in the FARS, Miss ETTA TAYLOR, typed an original and two carbons, making a sum total of three. If the upper right hand corner contained four names or subject matters, there would have been a sum total of five made. The original of Q-25 and only one carbon were located. It is assumed that subject had the second copy in her possession when arrested.

There are being transmitted herewith the originals of Q-25 through Q-29 and Q-33, as well as the carbon copies located with the original. It is observed that in each instance one carbon is missing.

There are also being enclosed the original data slips and carbons of Q-31 and Q-32, which were located in an unfiled portion of a paper file box which was on a file cabinet on the south side of room 2220. It is observed that one carbon is also missing from both Q-31 and Q-32.

Q-30, which is also a carbon, reflects that the name of NICHOLAS CARANFIL in the upper right hand corner of the data slip has a line underscored beneath it.

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cc - New York

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Director, FBI  
Re: JUDITH COPLON  
March 9, 1949

It is also observed that it bears the initials "BSM" as the identity of the analyst. [redacted] is a former analyst for the FARS. Q-30 bears the caption, "General NICOLAE RADESCU" in the upper left hand corner. In the upper right hand corner, there appears, "~~NICOLAE MALAXA~~", "~~M. NICHOLAS CARANFIL~~", and "~~M. BARBU NICULESCU~~".

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In a file cabinet marked "Miscellaneous" located on the north side of room 2220, there is a section devoted to Rumanians. Under this section, there is a name tab entitled, "General NICOLAE RADESCU". The original of Q-30 was filed behind this name tab. There is a tab bearing the caption, "NICOLAE MALAXA" and behind it there is a carbon of Q-30. There is also a name tab for "M. BARBU NICULESCU" and located behind this name tab is a carbon of Q-30. There is no name tab for "M. NICHOLAS CARANFIL", nor is there a carbon or original of Q-30 in the Rumanian file. It is presumed that subject removed the carbon for M. NICHOLAS CARANFIL and that it is the carbon found in subject's possession when she was arrested. The original of Q-30 is enclosed.

All of the above mentioned documents being submitted to the FBI Laboratory have been initialed by Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES, who located them and also bear the initials of Mr. WILLIAM E. FOLEY, head of the FARS and Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to make a typewriting comparison of the originals of Q-25 through Q-33 with the carbons taken from the person of subject when she was arrested on March 4, 1949, at New York City. Upon the completion of the examination, the original and carbons transmitted herewith should be returned to the Washington Field Office.

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JUDITH COPLON, WAS, ETAL, ESPIONAGE R. NATHAN T. ELLIFF, ATTORNEY, PEKIN, ILL., ADVISED ON MARCH ELEVEN, FORTYNINE, HE WAS WITH CRIMINAL DIVISION OF DEPT. OF JUSTICE FROM NOV. NINETEEN FORTY TO NOV. FORTY SIX, AND ON TERMINAL LEAVE UNTIL EARLY NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN. ABOUT JAN. ONE, FORTYSIX WAS MADE HEAD OF FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION SECTION WHEN ABSORBED BY THE CRIMINAL DIVISION. ELLIFF SPENT APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD OF HIS TIME AND ACTIVITY DIRECTING AFFAIRS OF FARMS LOCATED IN HUTCHINS BUILDING LOCATED APART FROM JUSTICE BUILDING. ELLIFF ADVISED COPLON WAS EMPLOYED IN THE SECTION WHEN TAKEN OVER BY THE CRIMINAL DIVISION AND HE HAD NO INFO CONCERNING ANY ACTIVITIES OR ASSOCIATES OF COPLON EITHER IN OR OUT OF THE OFFICE. HE ADVISED LARRY KNAPP, FORMER CHIEF OF THE SECTION, AND DAVE BOOKSTAVEN, ASSISTANT IN THE SECTION, SHOULD BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFO REGARDING HER ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATES. HE DID NOT RECALL RECEIVING ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT HER EFFICIENCY OR LOYALTY. DUE TO BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS PERSONNEL HAD TO BE CUT FIFTY PERCENT AND ELLIFF, ROY MC CAULEY AND NATHAN FRANKE, AFTER SURVEY BY FBI AND REVIEW OF PERSONNEL FILES BY ABOVE THREE, MADE UP RETENTION SCHEDULES BASED ON SENIORITY AND OTHER ~~RELEVANT~~ CONSIDERED FACTORS, INCLUDING THAT OF SECURITY. EVEN AFTER A REVIEW OF COPLON'S PERSONNEL FILE, WHICH OBVIOUSLY WAS MADE,

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ELLIFF COULD NOT NOW RECALL THE APPEARANCE OF ANY DETRIMENTAL OR DEROGATORY INFO IN THE FILE INDICATING INCOMPETENCY OR A POOR SECURITY RISK. ELLIFF TOLD AGENTS HE KNEW HIS NAME APPEARED IN THE FILES OF THE HOUSE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE AS A ~~COMMUNIST~~ COMMUNIST AND THAT HE RECEIVED THIS INFO FROM CONGRESSMAN HAROLD A. VELDE, WHO CALLED HIM BY PHONE ON MAR. SIX LAST. AFTER OTHER TELEPHONE CALLS MADE THIS WEEK AND RECEIVED THIS WEEK BY ELLIFF WITH JAMES MC INERNEY, DAVE BOOKSTAVER AND ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, ALL DEPT. EMPLOYEES, OR FORMER EMPLOYEES, ELLIFF CONSTRUCTED THE FOLLOWING STORY - AT THE TIME THE PERSONNEL WAS BEING DISMISSED BECAUSE OF THE BUDGET LIMITATIONS STEVE MAMSCHER PAREN PHONETIC CLOSE PARENS WAS RELEASED AND HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO COMPLAINED BITTERLY TO ELLIFF AND MC INERNEY. ELLIFF SAID HE WAS NOT FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DISMISSAL OF MAMSCHER, BUT THAT HE DID ACCEPT HIS SHARE OF IT BECAUSE IT WAS ELLIFFS CON- TENSION THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE RELEASE OF HIGH SALARIED ANALYSTS, WHO IN HIS OPINION WERE UNNECESSARY AND IT WOULD ALLOW THE RETENTION OF MORE LOWER SALARIED CLERKS OR ANALYSTS TO PERFORM THE CLERICAL AND BOOKKEEPING TYPE OF WORK NECESSARY IN THE SECTION. MAMSCHER WAS VERY ANGRY REGARDING DISMISSAL AND WENT TO THE HUAC AND GAVE THE NAMES OF ELLIFF, COPLON, BOOKSTAVER AND NEMSER PARENS PHONETIC CLOSE PARENS AS BEING COMMUNISTS IN THE FARS.

THIS MOVE, ACCORDING TO ELLIFF, WAS MOTIVATED BY REVENGE. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL IN A CALL ASKED ELLIFF IF HE RECALLED AN INVESTIGATOR FOR THE HUAC BY THE NAME OF RUSSELL. FROM THAT ELLIFF RECALLED THAT RUSSELL HAD ONCE ASKED HIM AS THE HEAD OF THE SECTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILES OF THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH INCLUDED FBI REPORTS AND ELLIFF REFUSED THE REQUEST AND SAID IT WOULD BE PLACED BEFORE MC INERNEY AND MC GRANERY FOR THEIR OPINION AS TO THE RELEASE OF THE FILES. ELLIFF SAID RUSSELL WAS VISIBLY UPSET BECAUSE HIS REQUEST WAS REFUSED. ELLIFF WROTE A MEMORANDUM REFERRING THE REQUEST TO THE HIGHER AUTHORITY MENTIONED ABOVE, AND DISCUSSED THE SITUATION PERSONALLY WITH MC INERNEY AND HE HAS THIS WEEK BEEN INFORMED BY CAMPBELL THAT THIS MEMORANDUM HAS NOW BEEN LOCATED IN THE DEPT. FILES AND THAT THE HUAC HAS RETRACTED ANY STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT ~~THAT~~ THAT ELLIFF ~~WAS~~ WAS UNCOOPERATIVE AND REFUSED RUSSELL A REVIEW OF THE FILES AND ADMITTED THAT RUSSELL HAD NEVER ASKED ELLIFF ABOUT <sup>*Coplon*</sup> COPLON. ELLIFF REPORTED TO THE AGENTS THAT HE HAS TOLD THIS SAME STORY TO THE SECRETARY OF SENATOR SCOTT LUCAS OF ILLINOIS. SINCE THE PUBLICITY INCIDENT TO SUBJECTS ARREST, ELLIFF SAID HE HAS MADE REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO RECALL WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD ANY INFO CONCERNING COPLON WHICH WOULD NOW OR SHOULD HAVE EARLIER MADE HIM SUSPICIOUS OF HER WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS, AND HE EMPHASIZED THAT ALL DURING HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE SECURITY HAD BEEN OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO HIM.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *not*

DATE: March 11, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*SUBJECT: *Jm* Judith Coplon

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Jack Neal called me on March 9 with reference to the article in the "Times Herald" by Ed Nellor indicating that the Bureau was going to arrest a State Department employee. He stated that the Secretary was having a press conference in the immediate future and wanted to know if he could include in his press statement that this matter had been checked with the FBI and that there was no truth to the story.

I told Mr. Neal very definitely that he could not use this in any press release, that the Bureau was authorized not to make press releases in connection with this matter and certainly could, therefore, not authorize the State Department to quote the Bureau.

I informed him if the Secretary wanted any statement he would have to obtain a statement from the Attorney General.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *L*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
~~PICKER X-RAY CORPORATION~~  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: March 7, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

An individual identifying herself as Miss Jean Branch, 20 Chesapeake Street, S.E., Washington, D. C., called this morning and stated, "This Coplon case has intrigued me." She stated that at the present time there are a number of employees located in the "office proper - the white collar workers" of the Picker X-ray Corporation located, she believed, on Fourth Avenue, New York, with whom she has reason to believe Judith Coplon has associated. She pointed out that in her opinion the Picker X-ray Corporation itself, which incidentally did a great deal of Government work, is a reputable concern but had "too many avid CC NY students who lean much too far to the left" working in its front office. She did add that she believed this Corporation to be a "formidable Semitic outfit."

When I asked Miss Branch as to anyone in particular with whom Coplon allegedly associated, she could not give any names but stated that she had reason to know Coplon was connected with various employees in the office proper of this concern.

Miss Branch was extremely breezy and refused to be pinned down during the conversation. She volunteered, "I'm being a squealer. I guess it's smart but I did want to help you people."

ACTION:

In view of the nebulous information obtained during this call it is suggested that the Washington Field interview Branch to determine if she has any information in her possession on which further investigation might be predicated.

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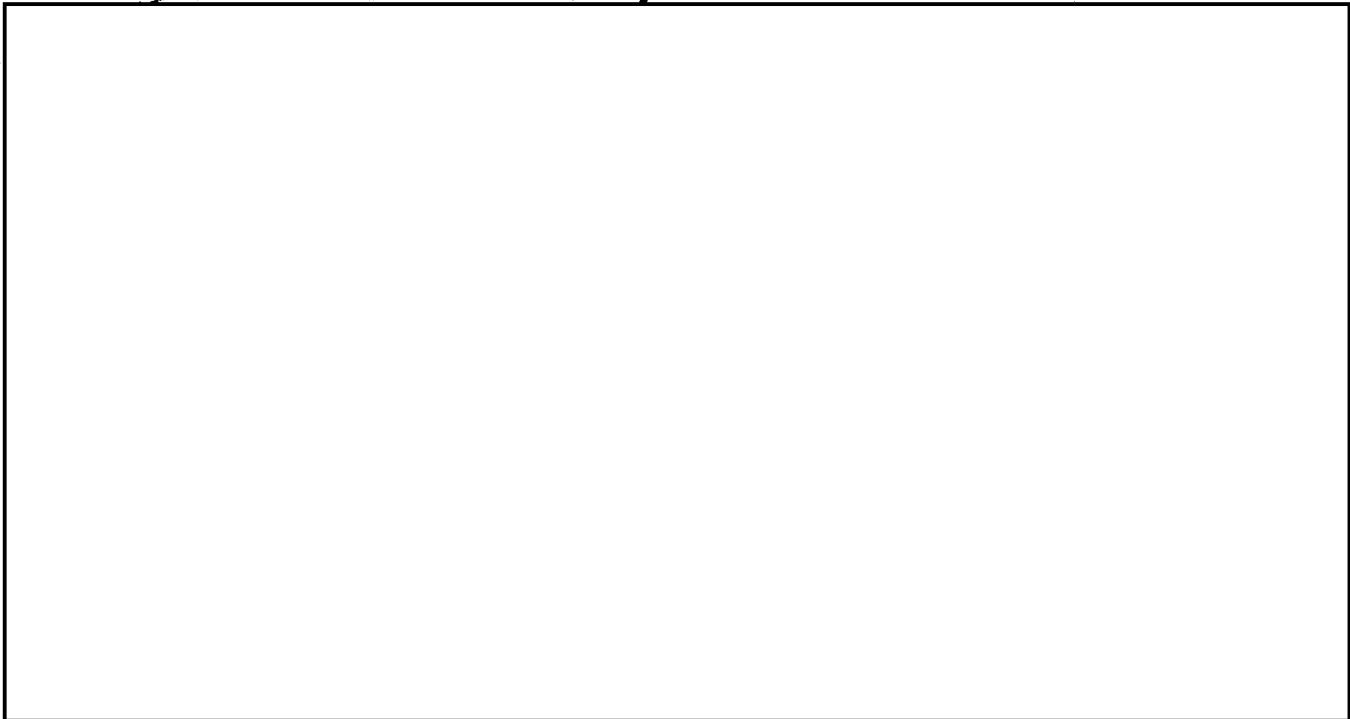
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- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Glavin.....
- Mr. Ladd.....
- Mr. Nichols.....
- Mr. Rosen.....
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- Mr. Pennington.....
- Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
- Mr. Nease.....
- Miss Gandy.....

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. WHITSON  
 FROM : MR. GREGG *EMG.*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS  
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DATE: March 9, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_

## RECOMMENDATION:

The above is furnished for your information.

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REPORT  
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March 11, 1949  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, New York

To: There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination  
of evidence received from your office on March 9, 1949.

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JUDITH COPLON  
VALENTINE ALEXSEVICH GUBITCHEV, with aliases  
ESPIONAGE - R

J. Edgar Hoover  
65-14932  
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YOUR FILE NO.  
FBI FILE NO.  
LAB. NO.

New York

Examination requested by: Letters dated March 6, 1949

Reference: Document - Cryptanalysis - Secret Writing

Examination requested:

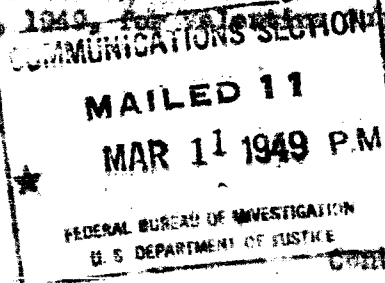
- Specimens:
- Q44 Small black leather-bound book stamped in gold lettering  
"Marquette Diary 1948", bearing a few handwritten notations  
inside.
  - Q45 United Nations Letter of Appointment dated "26 September  
1948" to "Mr. Valentine Gubitchev, 158 West 106th Street  
(Apt. 4W), New York City, N. Y."
  - Q46 United Nations application form P-11, bearing the typewritten  
address "Robert Fulton Hotel, 228 East 71 Street, N.Y.C.  
N.Y.", and a partially erased typewritten name, which appears  
to be "VALENTINE GUBITCHEV".
  - Q47 United Nations Travel Authorization and Travel Advance Request  
for "Valentine Gubitchev and wife (Lida Gubitchev)".
  - Q48 Organisation Des Nations Unies form P-11, bearing handwritten  
notations in ink.
  - Q49 Deposit slip of the Chemical Bank & Trust Company, New York,  
dated Feb. 9, 1949, for Valentine Gubitchev, in the amount of  
\$537.95.
  - Q50 Deposit slip of the Chemical Bank & Trust Company, New York,  
dated Feb. 23, 1949, for Valentine Gubitchev, in the amount  
of \$582.76.

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- Q51 Blue form titled "Statement of Earnings and Deductions" bearing a group of figures, the second line of which is "03 1533 10731".
- Q52 Carbon copy of typewritten document in Russian, P/A No. 388, setting forth a list of funds.
- Q53 Portion of yellow bank statement, balance as of Feb. 28, 1949, \$1,537.43.
- Q54 White slip of paper approximately 3" x 5", bearing handwriting in pencil beginning "Facing Tile".
- Q55 Business card of Roselle Pura, 32-34 Division St., New York.
- Q56 Blue order form #1926, of Surjac Sportswear, Inc., New York, for "V. Gubichev".
- Q57 White form printed in Russian, torn on one edge, bearing handwriting in Russian and the number "128".
- Q58 White form printed in Russian, bearing handwriting in Russian and the printed number "1046".
- Q59 Blue form titled "Statement of Earnings and Deductions" bearing a group of figures, the second line of which is "07 1916 27782".
- Q60 Check book of the Chemical Bank & Trust Company, stubs numbered 176 and 177 dated "Feb. 24, 1949" and "March 3, 1949" respectively, and made out to "Regent" and "Cash".
- Q61 Form F/10 of the United Nations, Bureau of the Comptroller, for Valentine Gubitchev, in the amount of \$1,188.50.
- Q62 Business card of Pine Luggage, 408 Eighth Avenue, New York.
- Q63 Business card of Saks-34th, New York.
- Q64 Business card of Macy's, Herald Square, New York, C. Henderson, Major Appliance Dept.
- Q65 Business card of Macy's, Herald Square, New York, E. Schreier, Men's Clothing.
- Q66 Business card of Levine & Smith, Inc. 22-24 Division Street, New York, bearing the handwritten name "M. Cohen".
- Q67 Business card of Russels Fifth Avenue, New York, bearing the pencilled figures "11087 \$1200" and the handprinted name "J. Woolf".
- Q68 Business card of S. P. Hauswirth, 2800 Broadway, New York.
- Q69 Business card of Harry Dinkin, Men's Tailor, 64 W. 48 St.
- Q70 Business card of Peerless Camera Stores, Inc., 138 E. 44th Street, New York.
- Q71 Slip of white paper bearing the handwritten address in ink "216 East Broadway".
- Q72 Cellophane card holder containing the following (Q73-89):
- Q73 United Nations identification card for Valentine Gubitchev.

- Q74 Service Department form No. 3612 of the Government Purchasing Commission of the Soviet Union in the U. S. A., bearing handwriting in Russian.
- Q75 Business card of Brenner Bros. 60 Division Street, New York, bearing the handwritten name "Sonia Starr" on the front, and handwriting in Russian on the back.
- Q76 Business card of George Schwartzman, James Pelt & Co., 362 Fifth Avenue, bearing a handwritten address and phone number on the back.
- Q77 Order form No. 35 of Adelson & Segall, 96 Canal Street, New York, bearing handwriting beginning "Screwdriver 2.00".
- Q78 Receipt of Associated Group Optical Plan, Inc., New York, No. 3282-5 and 3290-5, dated 11/12/48.
- Q79 Identification card of the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York, for Valentine A. Gubitchev.
- Q80 Hospital Service Identification Card, Associated Hospital Service of New York, for V. A. Gubitchev.
- Q81 Business card of W. C. Williams Corporation (Edward Shindler), 224 West 49th St., New York.
- Q82 Small white cardboard receipt tab, bearing Job No. 017570.
- Q83 Business card of Adelson & Segall, 96 Canal Street, New York.
- Q84 Business card of Allen A. Belenky, M. D., 38 Central Park South, New York.
- Q85 Business card of D. Stefan 78 Mott Street, New York.
- Q86 Receipt No. H-18605 of Brenner Bros., Inc., for "Mrs. V. Gubitchev, 64 W. 108th St., New York 25".
- Q87 Business card of W. C. Williams Corporation (Edward Shindler), bearing handwriting in pencil on the reverse side beginning "16 E. 43 St. - Gary Utilities".
- Q88 Receipt No. B05106 of Norman M. Morris, 608 Fifth Avenue, New York, for "V. Gubitcher", dated "2-23-49".
- Q89 White sheet of paper bearing handwriting in ink beginning "Mr. Axel Nordin, Baggage Master.....".
- Q90 One box of Dillard's Aspergum containing 10 tablets.
- Q91 One partially used package of pale green mints.
- Q92 One cellophane hat protector.
- Q93 One Everfeed mechanical pencil, gray and black finish.
- Q94 One Parker "51" fountain pen, dark gray with silver finish cap.
- Q95 One blue package of dental floss, Walgreen Co., Distributor, Chicago, Ill.
- Q96 One wrist watch bearing the printing "18 jewels" and "Swiss Made" on the face, and "Fondacier Inoxydable 22" on the back.

- Q97 Silver finish Hickox bar tie clip.
- Q98 Brown folding comb, stamped "Made in USA".
- Q99 Brown leather belt.
- Q100 Blue plaid cotton handkerchief.
- Q101 One pair blue sleeve garters.
- Q102 One spring-type collar holder.
- Q103 Book titled "All Thy Conquests" by Alfred Hayes.
- Q104 Black leather ladies' purse with gold-colored clasp containing the following (Q105-Q135):
- Q105 Small red leather address book, with the handwritten name "Coplon, Judith" on the inside front cover, bearing several handwritten names and addresses.
- Q106 Small black leather book, "The Excelsior Diary for 1949", No. E423/5, bearing several handwritten notations.
- Q107 Check book of The Lincoln National Bank of Washington, containing blank checks and several used check stubs, the first of which is to "The Hecht Co., 20.90, 1/25/49".
- Q108 Pass book issued to Judith Coplon by The Lincoln National Bank of Washington.
- Q109 Identification card No. A-5819 issued 1/29/47 to Judith Coplon by the Department of Justice.
- Q110 Social Security Card No. 088-12-6917 for Judith Coplon.
- Q111 Public Library card No. W36035 issued to Judith Coplon, good until May 10, 1951.
- Q112 Identification card of Group Health Association, Inc., No. 7226-x for Judith Coplon.
- Q113 Railroad ticket No. CF-42041, issued by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., between New York and Washington, dated March 4, 1949.
- Q114 Business card of Marianne et Fils, New York, bearing handprinting on the back, "Jean Constant, 357 West 52 St., N. Y. C."
- Q115 Enrollment card for Judith Coplon issued by The American University School of Social Science and Public Affairs, dated "9/25/47".
- Q116 Book of stamps containing 5 3/4 stamps.
- Q117 Book of stamps containing 24 1/4 stamps.
- Q118 Charge-plate #463495R-A-5 issued by The Hecht Company to Judith Coplon.
- Q119 Red leather French-type wallet.
- Q120 One pair of eye-glasses with light blue frame, in black case stamped "Manhattan Optical Co., 191 Canal St., N. Y. C."
- Q121 Black Sheaffer fountain pen.

- Q122 Box of Pond's Angel Face powder, shade "Tawny Angel", and powder puff.
- Q123 Black "Lido" comb.
- Q124 Black perfume atomizer.
- Q125 Mirror approximately 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Q126 Pink optical cloth on which is printed "Manhattan Optical Co."
- Q127 Emory board.
- Q128 Book of matches on cover of which is printed "Dial Randolph 8000 ARCADE SUNSHINE 'Complete Cleansing'".
- Q129 Empty "Kleenex Pocket Pack Tissues" folder.
- Q130 "Pink Orchid" lipstick in case with gold-colored cap.
- Q131 Safety pin and two hobby pins.
- Q132 Key chain with 9 keys.
- Q133 Three soiled Kleenex tissues.
- Q134 Piece of elastic approximately 2" long.
- Q135 Small black cloth case lined in pink, approximately 2" square.

#### Results of Examination:

Specimens Q44 through Q135 were examined for the presence of microdots and for other types of concealed messages by methods which would not change or alter their appearance with negative results.

Non-staining treatment revealed no secret ink on specimens Q44 through Q135. Although specimens Q90 and Q91 could be used for the preparation of a secret ink, it does not appear likely that specimens of this type would be so used because of the availability of their components, namely sugar and aspirin, in more convenient forms.

It has been concluded that the handwriting on Q105, Q106 and Q107, which are COPLON'S address book, diary and check book, respectively, was written by JUDITH COPLON, whose known handwriting is contained in her Justice Department personnel file, listed in the Laboratory as K14. COPLON was previously identified as the writer of the questioned note removed from her purse, listed and described in the Laboratory report dated March 7, 1949 as Q39.

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It has been concluded that the handwriting [redacted] on Q103, which is the book entitled, "All Thy Conquests", was not written by JUDITH COPLON, K14.

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It has been concluded that the handprinting on Q114, which is the Marianne et Fils business card, was not prepared by JUDITH COPLON, K14.

No conclusion could be reached whether the handwriting on Q111, which is the Public Library card issued to JUDITH COPLON, was written by COPLON, K14, because characteristics were noted in this questioned handwriting which could not be explained on the basis of the known specimens available for comparison.

The surname and the first name originally typewritten on Q46 had been erased. These names originally appeared as follows:

GUBITCHEV  
Valentine

A duplicate set of the four large keys contained on COPLON'S key chain, Q132, was made and have been retained in the Laboratory for any possible future use in this case.

A supplemental Laboratory report on the Cryptanalysis examination of the above listed specimens will be sent your office in the near future.

Specimens Q44 through Q135 were returned to you by special courier on March 9, 1949. Photographic copies of these specimens have been retained. It is noted that your letter listing the evidence taken from VALENTINE GUBITCHEV, listed on page four one tie clip and also one tie clasp. However, only one tie clip was received.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
ATT.: FBI Laboratory

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 3/8/49

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There is being transmitted by personal courier the following articles found in the possession of JUDITH COPLON at the time of the search incidental to the arrest of COPLON on 3/4/49:

Book entitled "All Thy Conquests" by ALFRED HAYES. HOWELL, SOSKIN, Publishers. Copyrighted 1946. On second page is handwritten

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Black leather ladies' purse with gold-colored clasp containing the following items:

Red leather address book with name "Coplon, Judith" on inside on front cover.

Black leather 1949 diary with name "Coplon, Judith" printed on third page.

Check book containing stubs and bank checks drawn on Lincoln National Bank of Washington.

Pass book issued to JUDITH COPLON by Lincoln National Bank of Washington.

Identification card number A-5819 issued 1/29/47 to JUDITH COPLON by the Department of Justice.

Social Security Card #088-12-6917 issued to JUDITH COPLON on 7/1/40.

Library card issued to JUDITH COPLON, #W36035, by Public Library, Washington, D.C.

Identification card issued to JUDITH COPLON, #7225-X, by Group Health Association Incorporated.

One-way railroad coach ticket, #GF42041, issued by Pennsylvania Railroad good for one passage between New York, New York, and Washington, D.C.

Card of Marianne et Fils, French Restaurant, 332 West 45th Street, New York, on back of which is handwritten "Jean-Constant, 357 West 52nd Street, New York City."

Enrollment card in name of JUDITH COPLON issued by American University School of Social Science and Public Affairs, 1901-11 F Street.

Book of stamps containing five three-cent stamps.

Book of stamps containing twenty four one-cent stamps.

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Charge-plate #453495P-A-3 issued by the Hecht Company to  
JUDITH COPLON.

Red, French-type, leather wallet.

One pair of eye glasses with light blue frame, and glass case,  
on outside of which appears "Manhattan Optical Company, 191  
Canal Street, New York City".

Black Schaeffer's fountain pen.

Box of Pond's Angel Face powder.

Black "Lido" comb.

Black perfume atomizer.

2"X3" mirror.

Pink optical cloth on which is printed "Manhattan Optical  
Company".

Emory board.

Book of matches on cover of which is printed "Dial Randolph  
8000, Arcade-Sunshine 'Complete Cleansing'".

Empty Kleenex Tissues pocket pack.

"Pink Orchid" lipstick.

Safety pin and 2 bobby pins.

Key ring with 9 keys.

3 soiled kleenex tissues.

The above items are being transmitted to the FBI Laboratory with the request that appropriate examination be made for secret writing, microdots, or any other type of concealed messages; also to determine if any of the contents could be used as secret writing materials. It is further requested that the handwriting appearing in the check book, address book, 1949 diary, as well as on the card issued by the Public Library, Washington, D.C., back of card of Marianne et Fils, and the second page of the book "All Thy Conquests" be compared with specimens of JUDITH COPLON'S handwriting previously submitted to the Laboratory. It is desired that no examination be conducted of the above articles which will destroy or alter them from their original state, inasmuch as they will have to be returned to the subject. On completion of the examination of the Laboratory it is requested that the above material be returned to the New York Office by personal courier.

For the benefit of the Laboratory, it is recalled that on 3/4/49 JUDITH COPLON, who has been under investigation for sometime, was apprehended by this Bureau in New York City together with VALENTINE GUBITCHEV, Soviet



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National employed as an engineer in the Headquarters Planning Administrative and Financial Department of the United Nations. COPLON and GUBITCHEV are charged with the violation of conspiracy to defraud the United States government. COPLON, an employee in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the United States Department of Justice, has been known to have<sup>had</sup> several meetings with GUBITCHEV under very suspicious circumstances and is suspected of having turned over to GUBITCHEV confidential information obtained from the United States Department of Justice files.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 16, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to New York telephone calls to the Bureau on March 11, 14 and 15, 1949, concerning the hearings on March 11, 14 and 15th in the above matter before the Honorable SIMON H. RIFKIND, District Judge, United States District Court, Southern District of New York.

Photostatic copies of the official stenographic minutes of each of these hearings have been made. One complete set of these minutes is being retained in the New York Office and one set is enclosed herewith for information purposes.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. COLONEL HAROLD S. HAYES, ARLINGTON HALL, ARMY SECURITY AGENCY, ADVISED ON MARCH 10, LAST, THAT ALFRED BOYNTON STEVENSON, ANALYST, WAR DEPARTMENT, OF HIS VOLITION FURNISHED A SIGNED MEMORANDUM SETTING FORTH THE EXTENT OF HIS ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE SUBJECT. A PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF THIS MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH 8, 1949, WAS FURNISHED TO THE WFO. THIS MEMORANDUM REFLECTS STEVENSON FIRST MET COPLON IN JUNE OR JULY, 1946, IN CLASS AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY; BETWEEN THEN AND OCTOBER, 1946, THEY MET AT SCHOOL OCCASIONALLY; VISITED IN HER APARTMENT; ATTENDED CONCERTS WITH HER. IN NOVEMBER, 1946, HE INVITED HER TO HOGATES RESTAURANT ONE SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND THERE INTRODUCED HER TO A PARTY OF PRESENT AND FORMER ARMY SECURITY AGENCY EMPLOYEES, LATER INVITING HER TO ATTEND A PARTY WITH HIM GIVEN BY ASA EMPLOYEES IN THAT TWO OR THREE NIGHTS LATER A GROUP OF EIGHT OR TEN EMPLOYEES GATHERED AT HER APARTMENT FOR A TURKEY SUPPER. FROM DECEMBER, 1946 TO MARCH, 1947, MET INFREQUENTLY FOR SUPPER AND A SHOW. IN APRIL, 1947, COPLON TOLD HIM SHE WAS LOOKING FOR A JOB WITH ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND HE SUGGESTED THE ASA. FROM MAY TO OCTOBER, 1947, SAW ONLY ONCE OR TWICE, COMMUNICATING OCCASIONALLY BY TELEPHONE. FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER, 1947, SAW HER OCCASIONALLY AFTER CLASS. FROM DECEMBER, 1947 TO MARCH, 1948, DID NOT SEE OR COMMUNICATE WITH HER. IN APRIL, 1948, SHE TELEPHONICALLY DISCUSSED HER PLANS FOR MOVING TO McLEAN GARDENS AND A TRIP TO EUROPE. FROM MAY, 1948 TO NOVEMBER, 1948, DIDN'T SEE OR COMMUNICATE WITH HER. MET HER ONCE IN NOVEMBER, 1948, AT NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART. ATTENDED LOVIE WITH HER IN DECEMBER, 1948. ON DECEMBER 23, 1948, INVITED HER FOR HOLIDAY DINNER.

WHICH SHE DECLINED. HE LAST TALKED TO HER MARCH 2, LAST, WHEN SHE CALLED AND DISCUSSED HER INDECISION AS TO GOING BACK TO LIVE IN NEW YORK OR STAYING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. STEVENSON LISTED FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS INTRODUCED TO COPLON AT HOGATES RESTAURANT: KATHY PIERCE, FRANK AND HELEN PORRAS, MYRON KAUFMAN, FLOYD ALBERT, HOWARD ISRAEL. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE IN PARTY, 901 TAYLOR STREET LISTED AS: JOHN SMOT, KATHY PIERCE, JOAN MACKENZIE, ELLIE BRIMBERG, Mrs. YANPOLSKY, RONNIE ARCEL, WARREN BLANDING, JACK MURPHY, HOWARD ISRAEL, FLOYD ALBERT, AND OTHERS HE DIDN'T RECALL. INFORMANT [ ] ADVISED ON FEBRUARY 28, 1949, THAT COPLON TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED STEVE, WHO THOUGHT HE HAD SEEN HER IN NEW YORK PREVIOUS WEEKEND. COPLON ADVISED HIM THAT SHE HAD NOT BEEN TO NEW YORK THEN BUT PLANNED TO GO THE COMING WEEKEND.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. HARBO *RD*

FROM : J. A. SIZOO *JS*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, wa  
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DATE: March 17, 1949

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
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Mr. Ladd	
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Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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On March 16, 1949 Special Agent [ ] appeared before the Federal Grand Jury convened in the District of Columbia and testified to the [ ]

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Mr. Tolson.....  
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JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. REBUTEL MARCH FIFTEEN FORTYNINE. MRS. JACOB POMERANZ ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HER SON, MORTON POMERANZ IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WASHINGTON, D.C. HIS RESIDENCE ADDRESS IS NINE THREE TWO EIGHT CAROLINA AVENUE, SILVER SPRINGS, MARYLAND, PAGE TWENTYTWO NY REPORT DATED JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT FORTYNINE SETS FORTH INFORMATION CONCERNING POMERANZ AS CONTAINED IN SUBJECT-S ADDRESS BOOK AND PAGE TWO WFO LETTER DATED FEBRUARY FOURTEEN FORTYNINE INDICATES COPLON INTENDED TO SEE POMERANZ ON HER NEXT VISIT TO NY. WFO SHOULD INTERVIEW POMERANZ IMMEDIATELY TO OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION HE HAS CONCERNING SUBJECT AND THE NATURE OF ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEM.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

DATE: March 17, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

With reference to the attached memorandum dated March 15, 1949, relating to a safe in the closet in the office of Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell, this is to record that at 4:40 p.m. on March 16, I talked with Mr. Ray Whearty and secured his permission to interview Miss Brookley and Miss Clements. He stated these two secretaries are the ones who have the combination to this safe. *Sup. Appene*

I told Mr. Whearty we wanted to determine whether or not Coplon had in any manner secured access to the contents of this safe because we were trying to determine the entire scope of her activities and the information which was available to her. I did not advise him that Colonel Naramore had furnished the initial information concerning this safe and the possibility that Judith Coplon might possibly have obtained access to it.

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ADDENDUM: 3-18-49

In accordance with your instruction, Mr. Laughlin telephoned Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne of the WFO this morning and requested him to have an Agent of the WFO interview Miss Brookley and Miss Clements concerning this matter. The necessary background information was given to Mr. Delavigne without, of course, giving the source of the Bureau's information. *lm*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HB*

FROM : L. Whitson *LW*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 15, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 12:00 Noon this date, while calling at the Bureau on another matter, Colonel W. W. Naramore of the Department advised that he was concerned over the possibility that Judith Coplon might have found out something concerning the Attorney General's program for detention of Communists in the event of sudden difficulty with the Soviet Union.

He pointed out that he did not have anything definite on which to base such an idea except that the papers on which Campbell's staff was working, as well as the preliminary draft of the program, had been placed in an auxiliary safe in a closet outside of Mr. Campbell's office after working hours during September and October, 1948.

Naramore advised that it had come to his attention that the secretaries who were charged with the responsibility for opening and closing the safe kept the combination in their desks. He was worried over the idea that Judith Coplon might have at some time during the pertinent period or even prior thereto requested these secretaries to permit her to place material in that safe and so was able to determine where the combinations were kept.

## ACTION:

It is suggested that consideration be given to having the secretaries who possessed the combination to the safe in question interviewed for the purpose of determining whether or not Judith Coplon ever utilized that safe.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*  
 FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 17, 1949

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	<i>✓</i>
Mr. Nichols	<i>✓</i>
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. Raymond P. Whearty of the Department called at 10:20 a.m. today and stated that Coplon was scheduled to come to Washington, D. C., tomorrow morning at 8:30 for arraignment on the indictment returned by the Grand Jury yesterday, March 16. Mr. Whearty advised that he had arranged with Coplon's attorney to call him upon arrival at Union Station, at which time a meeting place and time will be agreed upon. Mr. Whearty stated that in all probability he will meet Coplon and her attorney at the Court House for the arraignment at about 1:30 p.m. He indicated that he would ask for bail, a "moderate sum" of from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

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Mr. Alexander M. Campbell  
Assistant Attorney General

March 17, 1949

Director - FBI

Attention: Mr. Ray Whearty

JUDITH COPLON, was  
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In connection with the instant matter, on March 16, 1949, Mr. Bertram Adams, the attorney for Judith Coplon, telephonically contacted our New York Office with reference to the indictment which had been returned against Judith Coplon in Washington on March 16, 1949. Mr. Adams advised that Miss Coplon desired to surrender to Special Agents of the FBI as a result of the indictment rather than having U. S. Marshals come up to her home and arrest her and thereby cause a great deal of discomfort to her parents, who are in a serious physical condition.

Mr. Adams' request was telephonically made known to Mr. Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, and to Mr. Ray Whearty. Pursuant to the request of Mr. Whearty, Mr. Donegan was advised that the warrant had not been issued in Washington as yet and that one would be requested in the morning. Mr. Donegan was also advised that thereafter the usual removal proceedings would be instituted by having a non est return made on the warrant and a copy of the same forwarded to New York, along with a copy of the indictment, where the removal complaint would be filed. Thereafter, Miss Coplon would be arrested and the removal hearing held unless she waived the same. Mr. Donegan was advised that it was Mr. Whearty's suggestion that as an alternative, Mr. Donegan could determine whether the bail under which she was presently at liberty prevented her from leaving the Southern District of New York. In the event it did not, arrangements could be made to have her surrender in Washington, D. C., thereby eliminating any necessity for her surrendering to the Bureau in New York City.

Subsequently, when Mr. Adams recontacted the New York Office, he was referred to Mr. Donegan. Following this conversation Mr. Donegan advised that Adams had offered to surrender Miss Coplon at any time. It was agreed that she would surrender in Washington, D. C., on Friday. During the conversation, Mr. Adams requested that she not be apprehended on that evening nor that she be apprehended at her home. Mr. Donegan stated he agreed to this and asked Mr. Adams to call at his office today, at which time he would be informed if the arrangements for the surrender on Friday would be satisfactory.

The above is being called to your attention in order to advise you of the results of the conference between Mr. Donegan and Mr. Adams, which apparently will obviate the necessity of Miss Coplon surrendering to this Bureau.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Fletcher *HBFW*

FROM : J. E. Milnes *Jm*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 16, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Night Supervisor Albert G. McGrath of the New York Division called. He stated that Bertram Adams, Attorney for Judith Coplon had called the New York Office with reference to the indictment which had been returned against her in Washington today. He said that Adams informed him that Coplon desired to surrender to the Agents of the FBI as a result of this indictment rather than having Marshals coming out to her home and arrest her and thereby undoubtedly causing a great deal of discomfiture to her parents who are in a serious physical condition.

Pursuant to your request, I called Mr. Ladd and informed him of the above. He suggested that I call the New York Division back and have them contact the United States Attorney and inform him of the call and be guided by his desires. He also mentioned that it should be determined whether the warrant had actually been issued at this time since it appeared that the indictment had only been returned late today.

I called Mr. McGrath back and informed him of Mr. Ladd's instructions at which time he said that Adams had also talked to Mr. Donegan and Donegan informed Adams that the case was being handled by Mr. Whearty here in Washington and that he, Donegan, did not know what arrangements had been made. Mr. McGrath also informed me that the United States Attorney's Office in New York did not know anything about the matter since the case was being handled by Mr. Whearty. *Jm*

After talking to Mr. Ladd, I called Mr. Whearty and informed him of Adams' call. Mr. Whearty informed me that the warrant had not been issued as yet but that they would request one in the morning. He said that thereafter the usual removal proceedings will be instituted by having a non est return made on the warrant and a copy of the same forwarded to New York along with a copy of the indictment where the removal complaint would be filed. The subject would be arrested and the removal hearing held unless she waived the same. Mr. Whearty suggested as an alternative that we call Mr. Donegan in New York and have him determine whether the bail under which the subject was presently at liberty prevented her from leaving the Southern District of New York. In the event it did not, then it was suggested that Mr. Donegan attempt to arrange to have the subject surrender herself in Washington, D. C., thereby eliminating any necessity for the Bureau becoming involved in the matter. I informed Mr. Whearty that it was our intentions to inform Mr. Adams when he called our New York Office again regarding this matter to refer him to Mr. Donegan or to Mr. *Jm*

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Memo for Mr. Fletcher

Whearty. Mr. Whearty said that if we would deliver the above message concerning his suggestions to Mr. Donegan and to inform Adams when he called that he should speak to Donegan, it would be deeply appreciated.

After speaking to Mr. Whearty, I informed Mr. Ladd of my call to him and at Mr. Ladd's instructions I called Mr. McGrath in New York and informed him that he should have Mr. Belmont call Mr. Donegan and deliver Mr. Whearty's message. I also informed Mr. McGrath that he should advise me of the outcome of the various conversations between the New York Office and Mr. Donegan as well as Mr. Adams' call to Mr. Donegan, if and when the information was received.

At 9:45 p.m., Mr. McGrath called again. He said that Mr. Belmont had called Mr. Donegan as had been suggested. Adams had called the New York Office as was planned, at which time he was requested to call Mr. Donegan. After the conversation between Donegan and Adams terminated, Donegan informed Mr. Belmont that Adams had offered to surrender Coplon at any time. It was agreed between them that she would surrender in Washington, D. C., on Friday. During their conversation, Adams requested that she not be apprehended tonight or that she be apprehended at home. Donegan agreed to this and instructed Adams to call at Donegan's office tomorrow, at which time he would be advised finally if the arrangements for Friday were satisfactory. I informed Mr. Ladd of the above.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H.B. FLETCHER

DATE: March 18, 1949

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne of the WFO called at 10:45 this morning and referred to a telephone call received by Harold Shapiro shortly after the arrest of Coplon from an individual named Rosen. The tenor of this call was generally that Rosen was commiserating with Shapiro and asked him if there was anything he could do to help him.

Mr. Delavigne stated that Rosen has now been identified as A. B. Rosen, formerly head of the Civil Rights Unit in the Department of Justice and now a practicing attorney in Chicago. Rosen has been in touch with Shapiro recently and has indicated that he is a close contact of Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department. In a call yesterday, Rosen, who is in Chicago, told Shapiro that he planned on being in New York over this week-end and would try to see Whearty. The purpose of his seeing Whearty was not explained although it is surmised that it may be on behalf of Shapiro.

Shapiro is planning on leaving Washington for New York at 2:00 P.M. today, arriving in New York at 6:00 P.M. and is planning to meet Rosen at the Harmony (phonetic) club. Rosen told Shapiro that he wanted to talk to him before he saw Whearty.

Mr. Delavigne recalled that during one of the two interviews with Shapiro, he indicated that he might endeavor to see Coplon. Should he do this, he said he "would let someone know, possibly Whearty."

Mr. Delavigne explained that Shapiro has been under physical surveillance by the WFO but he is very surveillance conscious and it has been necessary to discontinue the surveillance on occasions. Delavigne said that Agents of the WFO will not continue the surveillance on Shapiro on his trip to New York unless the Bureau's instructions are to the contrary.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Since it is known that Shapiro is going to New York for the purpose of meeting Rosen, it would appear that no purpose would be served to have him taken to New York by WFO Agents. It is suggested, however, that the New York Office be instructed to pick up Shapiro upon his arrival there at 6:00 P.M. It is noted that the NY Office has previously conducted a surveillance on Shapiro and he is known to Agents of that office. If you concur, the New York Office will be cautioned to exercise the utmost discretion in its handling of this surveillance because Shapiro is extremely surveillance conscious.

It is also suggested that consideration be given to notifying Mr. Whearty concerning this matter for his information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: March 18, 1949

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this information is to outline instructions which were furnished to the New York Office concerning the surveillance of Harold Shapiro, an employee of the Department, during the time he is in New York over this weekend.

## DETAILS:

In a memorandum to you dated March 18, 1949, concerning this matter which is attached, Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne of the Washington Field Office advised that Harold Shapiro was going to New York over this weekend where he expected to meet A. B. Rosen, former head of the Civil Rights Unit in the Department of Justice and now a practicing attorney in Chicago. Rosen had previously told Shapiro that he would see him in New York this weekend and after talking with Shapiro would try to see Ray Whearty of the Department. The purpose of Rosen seeing Whearty was not explained but it was surmised that it might be on behalf of Shapiro.

At 3:15 PM today, Mr. Delavigne called me and stated that Shapiro presumably left Washington at 2:00 PM today via the Pennsylvania Railroad for New York. He said that Shapiro has planned to meet Rosen at the Harmony (phonetic) Club in New York City. Mr. Delavigne further advised that Shapiro's home is in New Hartford, Connecticut.

In accordance with your instructions, I called ASAC Belmont of the New York Office and furnished him with the following instructions: New York is to pick up Shapiro upon his arrival at 6:00 PM and keep him under continuous surveillance during the entire time he is in New York. I furnished all of the background information regarding this matter to Mr. Belmont and told him to cover the meeting between Rosen and Shapiro at the Harmony Club, as well as any other contacts Shapiro may make and told him we were particularly interested in any contacts Shapiro might have with Judith Coplon during the time he is in New York.

Mr. Belmont raised the question as to whether Shapiro should be kept under surveillance should he go to his home in New Hartford, Connecticut. After this matter was checked with you by Mr. Leo L. Laughlin, I advised Mr. Belmont that Shapiro should be surveilled to his home in New Hartford, Connecticut by New York Agents in the event he does ~~not~~ go there. They should then arrange to turn the surveillance over to the New Haven Office and the New Haven Office should be instructed to keep a full time physical surveillance on Shapiro while he is there and when he leaves, take him back to New York where he will be turned over to New York Agents. I told Mr. Belmont that New York should then keep him under

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surveillance until he leaves for Washington, D. C., and that they should put him on the train at New York and then call the Bureau advising us that he has left, giving us the time of his departure and the identity of the train on which he is coming to Washington. I specifically instructed Mr. Belmont that this surveillance must be handled most discreetly and that it should be lost rather than <sup>have</sup> for the Agents made.

Mr. Belmont asked me for a description of A. P. ~~Rosen~~ and I advised him that I would endeavor to secure such a description for him, inasmuch as there was no description of Rosen in the Bureau's files.

In this connection, I called Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department and he furnished me with the following description of Rosen:

Age - 33  
Height - 5 feet 10 inches  
Hair - Black wavey, parted in the middle  
Eyes - Black and flashy  
Complexion - Rudy  
Teeth - Very good  
Characteristics - Somewhat round shouldered with heavy black eyebrows, a heavy chin and a mouth that assumes a triangular shape when he smiles. Also that Rosen is beginning to get fat around the middle.

I immediately telephonically furnished this information to Mr. Belmont.

I also instructed Mr. Belmont that if it were possible to do so, arrangements should be made to obtain the names of individuals called by Shapiro from whatever hotel he may stay at while in New York.

Mr. Belmont stated that the Bureau instructions would be complied with and he would furnish the Bureau with the results of this surveillance upon its completion. I again warned Mr. Belmont that Shapiro is very surveillance conscious and that good judgment and great care should be exercised in carrying out this assignment in order that Shapiro would not be aware of the fact that he was under surveillance.

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## OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

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Mr. Tolson	_____	( )
Mr. Clegg	_____	( )
Mr. Glavin	_____	( )
Mr. Ladd	_____	( )
Mr. Nichols	_____	( )
Mr. Rosen	_____	( )
Mr. Tracy	_____	( )
Mr. Gurnea	_____	( )
Mr. Harbo	_____	( )
Mr. Mohr	_____	( )
Mr. Nease	_____	( )
Miss Gandy	_____	( )

See Me \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
 Note and Return \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
 For Your Recommendation ( )  
 What are the facts? ( )  
 Remarks:

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# Grand Jury to Get Spy Case Today Of FBI Girl and Soviet Engineer

NEW YORK, March 6. (AP).—Details of the newest case of alleged spying against the United States, involving a woman employe of the Justice Department and a Russian engineer, will be laid before a federal grand jury tomorrow.

The principals in the case, Miss Judith Coplon, 27, and Valentine A. Gubitchev, 32, have been served with subpoenas to appear before the grand jury.

The two were seized Friday night by FBI agents who reported trailing them almost the length of Manhattan Island before taking them into custody.

The young woman was accused of attempting to turn over to the Russian documents she had taken from Justice Department files.

The Russian, who has been working on plans for a permanent United Nations headquarters in New York, is held in \$100,000 bond. Miss Coplon was held in \$20,000 bail.

Neither had been able to furnish it tonight.

Meanwhile it appeared likely the Russian government would insist that Gubitchev is immune from prosecution because of his diplomatic status. He is attached to the Russian United Nations delegation.

## Interviewed

The Justice Department said in Washington that Soviet representatives had told the man in an interview last midnight that he is fully protected by diplomatic immunity.

The Soviet ambassador already had made representations to the State Department in Washington.

The State Department's answer was that it is investigating the case. Wilder Foote, director of the UN press section, said Gubitchev did not have diplomatic immunity.

Details of the case will be presented to the grand jury, beginning at 11 a. m. (E. S. T.) Monday morning by two special assistants to the attorney general, Raymond P. Whearty and Thomas Donegan. This was announced in Washington by Attorney General Tom Clark.

Meanwhile the documents which the FBI said were taken from Miss Coplon's handbag at the time of her arrest have been sent to the FBI laboratory in Washington for detailed examination, the Justice Department said.

These documents, the FBI said, constituted typed extracts of government papers.

Coincident with the federal grand jury investigation in New York, the House Un-American Activities Committee may decide in Washington tomorrow whether to make:

## New Search

1—Another search for spies within the U. S. Government.

2—And an inquiry to ascertain whether foreigners attached to the United Nations may be indulging in espionage activities.

Rep. Nixon (R., Calif.), committee member, has said that the committee got information nearly two and half years ago about conditions in the Justice Department office where Miss Coplon worked.

But, Nixon said, the department refused to co-operate and further inquiry was blocked.

He said the department displayed "shocking, inexcusable laxity" in Miss Coplon's case.

The House Un-American Activities Committee has been active in

CLIPPING FROM BINGHAMTON SUN  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK  
March 7, 1949

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 15, 1949

FROM : SAC, Albany

SUBJECT: BINGHAMTON SUN  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

There is transmitted a newspaper clipping of an article which appeared in the Binghamton Sun on the morning of March 7, 1949 captioned Grand Jury to get Spy Case Today of FBI Girl and Soviet Engineer.

SA Patrick A. Munley called my attention to the article and advised that WILLIAM H. HILL, President of the Binghamton Sun and Publisher of that newspaper, was away from Binghamton and would be unavailable for a period of thirty days.. Upon my instructions he contacted WALTER J. LYON, Managing Editor, and called the article to his attention, advising him that Miss JUDITH COPLON was not an employee of the FBI and had not been an employee of the FBI.

Agent Munley advises that Mr. LYON was disgusted about the part referring to the "FBI Girl" and explained that a new man was handling the City Desk on the preceding evening and that he was not "too smart." He advised that he knew from the press reports that the girl was not an employee of the FBI. He informed Agent Munley he was sorry that it had happened but made no mention about a retraction. In accordance with my instructions Agent Munley informed Mr. LYON that we wanted to call this matter to his attention so that there would be no misunderstanding relative to Miss COPLON's not being employed by the Bureau. No request was made for a retraction, the interview merely being placed on the basis of wanting to make certain that he knew the facts.

For the information of the Bureau, the Binghamton Sun during the period of time I have been assigned to this office has on a number of occasions misstated information and on a number of occasions to my knowledge has inaccurately reported news items, and my impression is that this occurs more frequently than with most newspapers. It is also my impression that this is attributable to the caliber of personnel employed by that newspaper rather than to intent on the part of the Publisher.

I do not plan to take any further action in this instance.

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SAC, Washington Field

March 8, 1949

Director, FBI

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At 11:10 AM on March 7, 1949, [redacted]

[redacted] (telephone: [redacted]) personally contacted Inspector Lee R. Pennington, indicating that he had information of interest concerning an associate of Judith Coplon. Inspector Pennington referred [redacted] to Special Agent E. M. Gregg.

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[redacted] stated that he is [redacted] and that since April of 1948 he had been employed by the [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] all of whom work under the direction of [redacted]

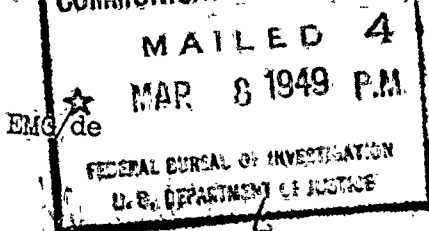
[redacted] described [redacted] as single, about [redacted] years of age, residing at [redacted] Maryland (telephone: [redacted]). He said that she had previously worked for [redacted] upon its dissolution transferring to the [redacted] According to [redacted] is extremely reliable.

The informant advised that [redacted] was a native of New York City, and that he understood that her parents had been born and raised in Russia. He said that she was single, about [redacted] years of age, and resides at [redacted] Washington, D. C. (telephone: [redacted]). He also said that he understood that [redacted] was a graduate of Barnard College and that prior to her employment with the [redacted] she had also worked for the War Labor Board. He described her as "most peculiar" and decidedly unattractive, stating that within the last three weeks she had received treatment at the George Washington University Hospital for some unidentified affliction.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] worked directly under [redacted] [redacted] contact with whom he considered inadvisable) and that her duties were of an economic nature not entailing access to classified material. He said that she was formerly active in the Union (United Public Workers of America - CIO) but knew of no other organizational activity or affiliation. He said that she made frequent visits to New York and Boston and made a great number of seemingly personal telephone calls over her office extension.

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[ ] related that on Saturday, March 5, 1949, following the arrest of Judith Coplon, [ ] had contacted him by telephone calling his attention to the fact that on frequent occasion a woman by the name of Coplon had called [ ] asking that the latter be requested to call her at the Justice Building. [ ] stated that [ ] had worked with [ ] for several years, first at the War Labor Board and subsequently at the [ ] and, therefore, knew her quite well. He said that [ ] had informed him that while with the War Labor Board [ ] had had difficulty in that [ ] According to [ ] had also indicated to him that while with the War Labor Board [ ] had been in contact with Elizabeth Bentley. b6 b7C b7D

[ ] advised that during the last month he had personally received three to five calls from Miss Coplon during [ ] on which occasions Coplon had requested that a message be left for [ ] asking her to call Miss Coplon of the Justice Department. [ ] also stated that [ ] and found that it contained the following listing: "Judy Coplon, 197-163 WO-5219."

It is noted that No. 197 is the code listing for the Department of Justice and that 163 is Coplon's office extension. [ ] said that at 10:00 AM on March 7, 1949 [ ] advising an unidentified party that she would meet that person at their office at noon. [ ] said that he knew that [ ] was on extremely friendly terms with the housekeeper at her place of residence.

The informant requested that his identity be kept entirely confidential and that under no circumstances should his superiors be informed he had furnished information in this matter. However, he said that he was of the definite opinion that [ ] would welcome an opportunity to talk with Bureau personnel.

Following the termination of the above-mentioned interview, [ ] telephonically advised that [ ] he had learned that [ ] had informed her superiors concerning her suspicion of [ ] and that her superiors had directed her to advise [ ] herself of the nature of her statements.

It is suggested that [ ] be personally contacted at her residence address and interviewed concerning any information she might have

which would be of interest to this investigation or might reflect upon the loyalty and reliability of [redacted] In this connection, your attention is directed to the fact that a summary of available information concerning [redacted] whose address and telephone number were listed in Judith Coplon's address book, was made available to you in Bureau memorandum dated March 2, 1949.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: March 8, 1949

FROM : MR. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
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Irrespective of the merits and future outcome of the case involving Judith Coplon I think the work of the New York Office in handling this surveillance was outstanding. Scheidt tells me that a total of 33 representatives of the New York Office worked on the case throughout the night including 25 agents, 4 clerks, a nurse and 3 supervisors. They were on duty from 8 a.m. Friday morning, many staying until 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon. To date Scheidt has had no requests for Compensatory Leave. It would of course be most difficult in a big operation like this to single out individuals and I think that it would be well to send the attached letter to the New York Office.

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cc - Mr. Glavin

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 11, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Mr. Tolson	
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Reference is made to my memorandum of March 10, 1949, setting forth that Mr. William E. Foley, on the evening of March 9, 1949, had made reference to the HCUA release asserting that the Committee had alerted the Department about two years ago on the possible disloyalty of Coplon. At that time, Mr. Foley advised me that there was a reference in the HCUA release to a letter dated in September, 1946, and he advised me that that letter had been located and it made no disloyal reference to Coplon. He also told me the Attorney General was making a press release denying the statement of the HCUA so far as it related to furnishing information about Coplon.

There is attached a carbon copy of a memorandum, dated September 3, 1946, which Mr. Foley handed to Special Agent Courtland Jones of the Washington Field Office at 5:25 p.m., March 10, and requested that it be delivered to me. Mr. Foley made no other comment except to say that he would have given it to me but he had to go to see Mr. Peyton Ford. It is understood that this attached copy of the memorandum dated September 3, 1946, is the one referred to by Mr. Foley when talking to me on March 9, 1949. The name of Coplon appears therein, but there is no allegation of disloyalty contained in the memorandum relating to her.

It is noted the press release made by the Attorney General announcing the indictment of Coplon and Gubitchev sets forth that no Committee of Congress prior to Miss Coplon's arrest had been in communication with the Department of Justice concerning the activity of Judith Coplon.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : Honorable John S. Wood, Chairman  
Committee on Un-American Activities

ATTENTION: Ernie Adamson, Chief Counsel  
Committee on Un-American Activities

SUBJECT : Foreign Agents Registration Section  
U. S. Department of Justice

DATE : September 3, 1946

This is to advise that a source considered confidential who was closely connected with the government branch mentioned above, called at the office and stated that the agency mentioned is in a process of deterioration and that it has recently been cut down to nothing. He said that the agency has recently been cut down from one hundred political analysts to four political analysts.

Also the source said that the person presently in charge of the Registration Section at one time wrote a blistering letter to Attorney General Biddle wherein he stated that there is no need for such a registration statute. Nathaniel Eliff is the person presently in charge of the section and the person who wrote the letter condemning the registration statute.

The four political analysts left to administer the statute are as follows:

Louis Hemyer

Judith Coplon  
Leon Segal

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The source also said that one of the attorneys in the registration section named David Lockstavor had called the "Readers Digest" magazine

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a Fascist publication. The source said that in effect Bookstaver and Elliff have attempted to create a Pro-Soviet attitude among the employees of the division. The source said everything pro-Russian is considered satisfactory by the administrators of the section. Everything anti-Russian is condemned.

The source related that since Elliff has taken over the section, cases are never moved to the top officials and they never see them.

The source said that numerous specific cases have been called to the attention of Elliff and others which have never been prosecuted. For instance he said one Antonio ~~Bimba~~ has acted as an agent for Lithuanian Communists, but has never registered with the Department of Justice as a foreign agent.

Also he said that one Leo ~~Kryzcki~~, of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, was asked by one ~~Kadzelewski~~, a Minister of the Polish Provisional Government, to secure the services of someone to set up and manage an American branch of the Polish Press Agency. Kryzcki recommended Edward ~~Falkowski~~ who is now registered as an agent of a foreign principal. Kryzcki has never registered as a foreign agent although he acted as an agent for a Moscow puppet when he secured the services of Falkowski.

The source said that the following are also agents of a foreign principal but have never registered:

- ~~Polonia Society of the International Workers Order~~
- ~~Kosciusko League~~
- ~~Union of Polish Patriots~~
- ~~Polish Committee of National Liberation~~

The source said that the Kosciusko League and the Polonia

Society of the International Workers Order had solicited funds for the

Polish Army in the USSR and had therefore violated the Act when they did

not register as agents of foreign principals.

He also said that the Union of Polish Patriots and the Polish Committee of National Liberation are direct agents of Russia, since both organizations during the war functioned from Moscow.

Also the source said the ~~"American-Jewish Year Book"~~ is full of information which indicates that many of the organizations mentioned are acting as agents of various foreign groups.

Further the source said that an organization called the ~~National~~ Organization of Polish Jews" received \$3000 from the Polish Government Information Center of London, England, for the purpose of publishing a book entitled ~~"Black Book of Polish Jewry."~~ The Polish Government Information Center, however, is part of the anti-Russian group which functioned as the London Polish Government in exile during the war years.

After publication of the books called the "Black Book of Polish Jewry" certain individuals connected with the Foreign Agents Registration Section decided that the National Organization of Polish Jews should be required to register as an agent of a foreign principal. ~~George Kovarsky~~ of the Department of Justice opposed the decision to have the agency register with the Department of Justice.

Congressman Emanuel Celler also opposed the registration and said that he could not permit the Department to require registration of the Organization of Polish Jews.

The local office of the "Enai-Drith" was also instrumental in preventing the "National Organization of Polish Jews" from being compelled to register with the Department of Justice. The Enai-Drith initially was contacted by George Kovarsky of the Department, and this individual, along with Herbert Kechaler and the Enai-Drith, attempted to work out a solution whereby the above-named organization could avoid registering. Originally it was suggested that the organization could repay the money to the London Poles and prevent registering. The money later actually was repaid, but the question of agency has not been eliminated since the book or the "Black Book of Polish Jewry" was actually published.

Lawrence Knapp of the Department of Justice was the individual who was instrumental in attempting to compel the organization discussed to register.

All in all, the source said that apparently there is no attempt by the Department of Justice to appropriately enforce the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

As a matter of interest, it should be noted that Nathan Elliff has referred to the Committee obscenely. As stated herein, Elliff is Chief of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, and also as has been stated, wrote a letter to the Attorney General protesting the necessity of a Foreign Agents Registration statute.

Mr. Peyton Ford  
The Assistant to the Attorney General  
Director, FBI

March 14, 1949

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I have noticed in the press that Congressman Ford has stated that several years ago he had called to the attention of the Department of Justice certain activities of the section of the Department in which Miss Coplon was employed. The press report set forth that the House Committee on Un-American Activities had received some information indicating either irregularities or a question of security in its mind as to the personnel of that particular section of the Department of Justice.

This Bureau would appreciate being advised of any such information which this Committee called to the attention of the Department, and also being furnished with any information developed by the Department following any inquiry or investigation which may have been made upon the memorandum from the House Committee on Un-American Affairs which Congressman Ford stated was supplied to the Department of Justice. The purpose of this request is that it is possible that this Bureau may find some leads therefrom which would be of assistance in the present investigation of Miss Coplon and her associates.

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# Coplon Girl Tagged As Pro-Red in 1946

A professor in a Midwestern university warned the House Committee on Un-American Activities about Judith Coplon, now charged with being in a spy conspiracy, as far back as 1946.

Representative John S. Wood (D., Ga.), chairman of the committee, said in a formal statement yesterday that the professor named Miss Coplon as one of four "pro-Soviet" Department of Justice employees who had "submerged" certain investigations referred to the Foreign Agents Registration Section.

Miss Coplon, 27, was an analyst in this section when she was arrested in New York last Friday night along with Valentine A. Gubitchev, 32, a Russian engineer on the staff of the United Nations. They were charged with conspiracy to commit espionage to remove Government documents relating to national defense.

**Wrote Committee in 1946**

Chairman Wood did not name the Midwestern university professor who wrote to the Un-American Affairs Committee on September 3, 1946.

"The professor," he said, "stated that the employees of the Registration Section of the Department of Justice were adopting a policy that everything pro-Soviet was considered legitimate activity, and that everything anti-Soviet was condemned by the employees of the Registration Section."

"Four names of persons who were employed in this section at that time were given by the informant. One of them was Judith Coplon."

## Required to Register

Under the law foreign agents or their representatives in the United States are required to register with the Department of Justice. Miss Coplon, a graduate of Barnard College, was an analyst in the Registration Section and was valued because of her knowledge of foreign languages.

"The professor stated," Chairman Wood said, "that certain investigations referred to the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the department were in fact being submerged, and knowledge of them was being prevented from reaching higher officials of the Justice Department."

He said the professor furnished information about certain individuals who should have registered as foreign agents, but never did so. This, he represented the professor as saying, was because of "manipulation" by certain individuals connected with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice.

Chairman Wood said the files showed that the Un-American Affairs Committee requested certain information from the Department of Justice regarding the foreign agents registration section. This request, he said, was referred to one of the four persons in the section about whom the midwestern professor had complained.

## "Never Furnished"

At any rate, he said, "the information requested was never furnished."

The Georgia law-maker said that legislation was now being prepared which would be directed at individuals active in espionage rings and individuals who form Communist cells within the Government.

He said that the clerical staff of the committee was now trying to answer a backlog of 250,000 communications from the American public.

Hearings soon would be held, he said, on the proposed new laws.

## Woman Still in Jail

Meantime, Miss Coplon still was in jail in New York, having failed to raise \$20,000 bail. Gubitchev, the Russian engineer, also was in jail, the Soviet government having failed thus far to put up \$100,000 bail.

A New York grand jury will resume its inquiry into the espionage case today, listening first to one of the FBI agents who arrested the couple last Friday.

Over the weekend it was reported that a roundup of other suspected Government employees would grow out of the Coplon-Gubitchev case.

From all indications, however, Miss Coplon had no confederates in the Government service. In any case, it was evident yesterday that no wholesale arrests of Government workers was in prospect.

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## Clark Denies Congress Units Warned Him on Spy Suspect

By United Press

Attorney General Clark yesterday denied that any congressional committee ever warned the Justice department of the activities of Judith Coplon, who has been indicted for stealing government secrets.

Several members of Congress, including Sens. Ferguson (R) of Michigan and Mundt (R) of South Dakota, have charged the department knew of Miss Coplon's activities two years ago. They said both the House un-American activities committee and a subcommittee of the Senate judiciary committee had warned Clark of Miss Coplon's pro-Soviet leanings.

Miss Coplon, a Justice department

employee for the past five years, was arrested in New York last Friday, with Valentine A. Gubitchev, Russian attache to the United Nations. She was carrying in her purse a flat packet of typewritten papers which the Justice department said contained "abstracts" from secret government files.

Miss Coplon, 27, worked for the department's foreign agents registration section.

Denying the congressional charges, Clark said:

"Prior to Miss Coplon's arrest, no committee of Congress had been in communication with the Department of Justice concerning the activity of Judith Coplon."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: March 15, 1949

FROM : Peyton Ford, The Assistant to the Attorney General AMC:WEF

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON;  
Espionage.

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Your memorandum of March 14, 1949, calls attention to press notices to the effect that Congressman Wood stated that several years ago he had called to the attention of this Department certain activities of the Section in which subject was employed. You request to be advised of any information which the Committee may have called to the attention of the Department.

Chairman Wood's press release of March 8, 1949, is the first intimation this Department received to the effect that the Committee had ever been furnished with the name of Judith Coplon or with any information relating to the Foreign Agents Registration Section. On March 10, 1949, there was turned over to the Department a copy of an inter-committee memorandum, dated September 3, 1946, which shows that the only information the Committee received concerning Judith Coplon was that she was one of the four analysts named in the memorandum who were still employed by the Foreign Agents Registration Section after the heavy reduction in staff which occurred in 1946. The memorandum reflects further that the Committee had received a complaint to the effect that the reduction in staff would lead to a deterioration of the Section and result in a failure to enforce the Foreign Agents Registration Act. The Committee's source is alleged to have stated further, as reflected in the press release, that the administration of the Act was resulting in a pro-Russian attitude which required the registration of anti-Russian groups but not of pro-Soviet groups.

Since the Chairman of the House Committee on un-American Activities is reflected in the press to have stated that the source of the foregoing is now a professor at Wayne University, it is certain that the source of the information was Stephen W. Mamchur. Mamchur, who now teaches at Wayne University, was released from his job in 1946 due to the reduction in staff. At that time he protested to Assistant Attorney General Caudle because of the effect which the staff cut would have upon the efficiency of the Section. He made no mention within the Department, however, of any charge of a pro-Soviet bias within the Section. The files of the Department fail to reflect that the House Committee ever communicated with the Department prior to March 10, 1949, regarding Mamchur's complaint.

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In August, 1946, an investigator from the Committee did seek to examine certain files in the Foreign Agents Registration Section which were not part of the public file. Following the Departmental rule the Chief of the Section denied to the Committee's investigator access to these files. Thereafter, on September 20, 1946, the Clerk of the Committee wrote to the Attorney General requesting these files to which the Committee was again denied access. This was accomplished by a telephone conversation by Mr. Harold Baynton, notation of which appears in the file. Mr. Baynton explained to the Committee's Clerk that confidential files of the Department could not be released but that specific questions would be answered whenever possible. There is no indication that the Committee ever approached the Department in this matter again or ever explained why it wished to review the specific files for which a request had been made.



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Director - FBI

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted]

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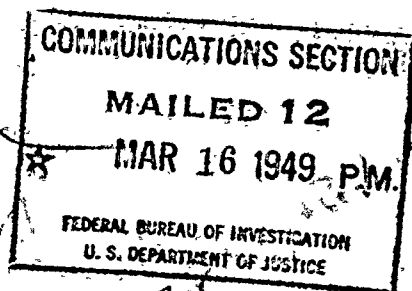
Reurlet dated February 9, 1949. It is expected that over the next few months you will exercise care in handling this informant and he will be discreet in his efforts to obtain pertinent information.

The Bureau's memorandum regarding Amtorg which came to Coplon's attention, however [redacted]

[redacted] You will recognize that this would not cast any direct suspicion on Confidential Informant [redacted]

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
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February 9, 1949

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Director, FBI

RE. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ INFORMANT [REDACTED]

JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Reference Bureau letter February 2, 1949, concerning the current investigation of JUDITH COPLON.

It is pointed out that the technique being used in the above investigation might, at least temporarily, affect the ability of this office to use Confidential Informant [REDACTED]. The possibility exists that the information mentioned in the referenced letter might already have been transmitted to AMTORG or official Russian circles in New York. If this has been done it is believed that it would cause the Russians to take security measures that would focus attention on [REDACTED] particularly since [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] In their expected attempts to identify [REDACTED] the AMTORG people might resort to plants that conceivably could involve [REDACTED].

In view of the above, therefore, the agents who deal with [REDACTED] will make only the most circumspect contacts with him and will undertake no highly confidential operations at AMTORG for such period of time as deemed by the Bureau and the New York Office to be adequate for security.

The New York Office would appreciate the comments of the Bureau in this matter inasmuch as [REDACTED].

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Mr. Peyton Ford  
The Assistant to the Attorney General

March 16, 1949

Director, FBI

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In connection with the instant investigation, I desire to call to your attention the close relationship which has existed between Judith Coplon and [redacted]

Our investigation of Judith Coplon reflected that from shortly following the institution of the investigation on December 30, 1948, to March 4, 1949, Miss Coplon spent most of her free time in the company of [redacted].

On January 7, 1949, a physical surveillance reflected that [redacted] and Coplon drove together in Chapiro's automobile to Baltimore where they registered at the Southern Hotel as [redacted]

[redacted] Connecticut. They were assigned to room 412 and checked out of the hotel at 3:01 P.M. on January 8, 1949. That night at 7:07 P.M., they registered at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia as man and wife and checked out at 4:09 P.M. on January 9, 1949. They occupied room 1523. On January 19, 1949, they travelled together to New York City where [redacted] registered at the Piccadilly Hotel. Judith Coplon accompanied him to his room but did not stay overnight. She went to her parents' home in Brooklyn, New York.

On the nights of February 4, February 11, February 12, February 13, and February 17, physical surveillance reflected that Judith Coplon was in [redacted] apartment at [redacted] overnight.

During an interview of [redacted] on March 5, 1949, [redacted] Judith Coplon at his apartment at various times, as well as in the Southern Hotel in Baltimore and the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia on the occasion of their trip to those cities on January 7 and January 8, 1949.

In a subsequent interview with [redacted] conducted on March 14, 1949, he again admitted to the Agents [redacted] Coplon on various occasions. The partially completed statement which was reduced to writing during the course of the latter interview with [redacted] is being set forth immediately below:

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"Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.  
March 14, 1949

make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents H. Dudley Payne and Robert L. Smoltzer

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"who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation after having been told that I do not have to make any such statement and that this statement may be used against me in a court of law. [redacted]

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[redacted] I decline to name this friend as he does not know Judith and has never met her so far as I know as he was out of the city on this particular occasion. Shortly thereafter, in the early part of January, Judith and I drove to Baltimore, Maryland in my car after work one Friday. I don't recall definitely who suggested this trip but presume it was I. In Baltimore we stayed at the Southern Hotel, where I registered for Judith and myself as [redacted] Connecticut. We spent the night together in the hotel room.

[redacted] at this point declined further comment concerning the trip above mentioned or to further furnish a statement concerning [redacted] with Judith Coplon. The written portion of the statement obtained up to this point was handed to [redacted] to read and he affirmed that it was true in substance and accurately reflected what he had said. [redacted] stated that he was willing to cooperate in every respect with the FBI in respect to the case of Judith Coplon but that he felt that in further discussing or furnishing a signed statement concerning [redacted] with her he was 'sticking his neck out' and actually not giving assistance of value to the espionage investigation.

"Witness:

s/ H. Dudley Payne, Special Agent, F.B.I. W.F.O.

s/ Robert L. Smeltzer, Special Agent FBI. WFO."

[redacted] has advised that the arrest of Judith Coplon came as a great surprise to him and that he had never had any reason to suspect that she was not entirely loyal to the United States.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD  
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 14, 1949

Rebulet March 12, 1949.

Surveillances of JUDITH COPLON by agents of the Washington Field Office from about January 7, 1949, to March 4, 1949, revealed that she spent a great deal of her time with [redacted]. The majority of her evenings were spent in his company, they often lunched together, were together over weekends, she frequently visiting in his apartment at 1906 R Street, NW.

On January 8, 1949, physical surveillance revealed that [redacted] and COPLON drove in [redacted] to Baltimore, Maryland, where [redacted] registered with the subject as [redacted] Connecticut. They were registered by Room Clerk C. M. CONNERS, account No. 3442, registration card G-4164, and were assigned to Room 412. Investigation by the Baltimore Division revealed that the individuals who were registered as [redacted] checked out of the Southern Hotel at 3:01 p.m. on January 8, 1949.

By teletype dated January 13, 1949, the Philadelphia Office advised that Mr. JOSEPH KELLEHER, assistant manager, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, produced records reflecting that [redacted] Connecticut, registered at the Bellevue-Stratford at 7:07 p.m. on January 8, 1949, and checked out at 4:09 p.m. on January 9, 1949. They occupied Room 1523.

Confidential Informant [redacted] who is known to the Bureau, advised that the subject had returned to Washington, D.C., later in the day of January 9, 1949.

Surveillance of the subject on January 19, 1949, revealed that she and [redacted] took the 1:00 p.m. Pennsylvania train from Washington to New York City, arriving at 4:50 p.m. Surveillance continued by agents of the New York Division revealed that [redacted] registered for a single room at the Piccadilly Hotel at about 6:20 p.m. and the subject accompanied him to his room. Approximately 40 minutes later both left the hotel and after having dinner attended the Century Theatre, after which [redacted] accompanied the subject on the subway to her home at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

The subject again met [redacted] on the evening of January 23, 1949, at Pennsylvania Station, New York City. Both boarded the 7:30 p.m. train for Washington, D. C.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

March 14, 1949

RE: JUDITH COPLON, ESP - R

On February 4, 1949, surveillance revealed that at 11:30 p.m. the subject and [ ] left the Playhouse Theatre and drove to his residence at [ ] [ ] This surveillance was discontinued at midnight, subject not having left. Surveillance was reinstated at [ ] the following morning, February 5, 1949, at 8:00 a.m. At 1:00 p.m. the subject and [ ] were observed leaving this address.

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On February 11, 1949, surveillance revealed that at 8:45 p.m. the subject and [ ] left Alfonso's Restaurant and drove to [ ] This surveillance was discontinued at 11:40 p.m., the subject not having been observed to leave this address. On February 12, 1949, surveillance was maintained, beginning at 8:00 a.m., alternately between subject's residence at Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens, 3685 38th Street, NW, and [ ] residence at [ ] The subject's blind remained drawn in her room the entire day and she was first observed at 6:03 p.m. when she and [ ] drove up in the vicinity of her residence. At 8:58 p.m. on this date subject and a girl friend, [ ] took a cab from McLean Gardens to [ ] apartment where they attended a party given by him. At 1:40 a.m. on February 13, 1949, [ ] drove COPLON and [ ] to McLean Gardens and [ ] went into her residence there. COPLON also entered her residence, remained five minutes and then returned with [ ] where both entered. This surveillance was discontinued at 2:15 a.m. on the 13th. At 8:00 a.m. on the 13th this surveillance was again undertaken at [ ] and at 10:40 a.m. COPLON and [ ] were observed coming from his apartment house.

On February 17, 1949, surveillance revealed that at 10:30 p.m. [ ] picked up the subject at her residence and drove to [ ] On this occasion she had a suitcase with her. This surveillance was discontinued at 2:30 a.m. on February 18, 1949, at which time the subject had not left. Surveillance was again taken up at 8:00 a.m. on this date and at 8:50 a.m. COPLON and [ ] left [ ] and drove to the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 10th Street, NW, where the subject alighted from his car and walked to the 10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue entrance of the Justice Building. [ ] continued driving around the building and into the basement, entering at the 10th Street court entrance.

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During the interview of [ ] conducted by Special Agents H. DUDLEY PAYNE and ROBERT L. SMELTZER on March 5, 1949, [ ] admitted under questioning [ ] JUDITH COPLON at his apartment at various times, as well as in the Southern Hotel, Baltimore, and Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, on the occasion of their trip to these cities on the nights of January 7 and 8, 1949. He declined at this time, however, to furnish a signed statement incorporating these facts. In a subsequent interview with [ ] conducted March 14, 1949, he again admitted to these agents [ ] COPLON in Baltimore and Philadelphia and at his apartment in [ ] Before the completion of the statement, [ ] said that he preferred

DIRECTOR, FBI

March 14, 1949

RE: JUDITH COPLON, ESP - R

not to furnish or sign any further admission [redacted] JUDITH COPLON. He was advised that such a statement was requested of him by the interviewing agents in their official capacities in connection with an official investigation. It is felt that this point was emphatically stressed to [redacted] although he was also told that he was not under compulsion to make such a statement. The partially completed statement, which was reduced to writing during the course of the latter interview with [redacted] is being set forth immediately below:

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"Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.  
March 14, 1949

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents H. DUDLEY PAYNE and ROBERT L. SMELTZER who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation after having been told that I do not have to make any such statement and that this statement may be used against me in a court of law. [redacted]

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"Witness:

s/ H. DUDLEY PAYNE, Special Agent, F.B.I. W.F.O.  
s/ ROBERT L. SMELTZER, Special Agent FBI. WFO."

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: March 17, 1949

FROM : MR. LADD

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

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PURPOSE

This memorandum is prepared in response to your pencilled questions on the attached memorandum from Mr. H. B. Fletcher to me dated March 11, 1949, to which was attached a copy of a memorandum dated September 3, 1946 from the Chief Counsel of the Committee on Un-American Activities to the Chairman of the Committee, which copy was furnished the Bureau by Mr. William E. Foley, of the Department, on March 10, 1949.

"WAS THIS EVER CALLED TO OUR ATTENTION BEFORE?"

It does not appear that this was ever called to our attention prior to the arrest of Judith Coplon. A complete file search against the name of Coplon, as well as against the name of Nathan Thomas Elliff, failed to disclose any references to this memorandum of the Committee on Un-American Activities.

You will recall, however, that subsequent to the arrest of Coplon, Mr. Lou Russell, House Committee Investigator, advised an Agent in strictest confidence that about September, 1946, he came to the Department of Justice to check a list of names against the Department files, which list he believed contained the names of both Coplon and Elliff. His desire to check the files was as a result of information furnished the House Committee by Stephen W. Manchur, a former employee of the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department. According to Mr. Russell, he was referred to Elliff who declined to make the file available for review and who stated that he would take the matter up with the Attorney General. Russell stated that a follow-up letter was subsequently directed to the Department by the House Committee but no reply was received.

The memorandum dated September 3, 1946, a copy of which was made available by Mr. Foley, would appear to be either the memorandum that Russell had when he desired to check the files, the follow-up sent by the House Committee to the Department.

"WHAT HAVE WE ON ELIFF?"Background

A Departmental Applicant investigation was conducted concerning Nathan Thomas Elliff in 1940, as a result of a request from Mr. Mathew F.

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McGuire, the Assistant to the Attorney General. The investigation disclosed that he was born at Pekin, Illinois, July 20, 1905. He attended Pekin Community High School from September, 1919, to June, 1923, and graduated with honors. He entered the University of Illinois, September 17, 1923, transferred to the law school, September, 1925, and received his LL.B. Degree on June 13, 1928. He was admitted to the Illinois State Bar October 11, 1928, and was associated with his father in the practice of law in Pekin from 1928 to 1930. For several months during 1930, he was employed in the New Business Department of the St. Louis Union Trust Company, St. Louis, Missouri, and subsequently returned to Pekin and was again associated with his father in the practice of law. He acted as State's Attorney of Tazewell County, Illinois, from 1932 to 1936.

The investigation failed to disclose any derogatory information except that he had a speech impediment and lacked vigor in presenting cases in court. (77-10663)

Employment in the Department

Elliff's personnel file in the Department indicates that he first took the oath of office on August 20, 1940 as principal attorney in the Criminal Division. He served as an attorney and Special Assistant to the Attorney General until his resignation on April 4, 1947, after which he returned to Pekin, Illinois to practice law.

During 1946 he acted as Chief of the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department and, in addition, served as Chief of the Internal Security Section. The personnel file discloses no derogatory information concerning him and he consistently received Excellent efficiency reports. He was one of the nine individuals in the Department of Justice who were recommended to receive the Selective Service Medal on March 19, 1946. It is noted that for some time he handled Selective Service matters in the Department.

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You will recall that in November, 1945, "Newsweek," carried a story on the case of the eight saboteurs. Assistant Director Nichols was advised confidentially by Colonel McInerney of the Department that John Terrell of "Newsweek" had filched a copy of the transcript pertaining to the saboteur case. It was stated that Terrell got a copy of the transcript from someone in the Criminal Division and that the first draft of the summary had been prepared either by Nathan Elliff or in Elliff's section. Subsequent information received concerning this incident indicated that the Attorney General had approved of giving an advanced copy of the brief to Terrell and that Elliff apparently was only acting pursuant to the Attorney General's instructions, even though the material had not been previously approved by the Bureau. (98-10288-35-29; 94-3-4-61-92 & 100)

On December 5, 1945, Mr. E. A. Tamm met with Mr. James McGranery and others of the Department to discuss the program of conducting investigations of alien property cases in Europe and the Bureau's assignment of Agents to these investigations. Mr. Tamm advised Mr. McGranery of five conditions which must be met before you would be in a position to consider the request that Agents be sent to Europe. One of the conditions was that attorneys in the Department with whom the Bureau had been unable to work harmoniously were not to be assigned to handle this matter. Mr. McGranery was advised that you would not permit Bureau Agents to undertake an assignment of this kind if "Mr. William Powers Maloney, Mr. Elliff or Mr. Woerhide were to participate in this assignment."

#### Interview with Stephen W. Mamchur

Dr. Stephen W. Mamchur, in the interview concerning Judith Coplon, subsequent to her arrest, stated that she was connected with a group of individuals in the Foreign Agents Registration Section described as "pro-Soviet." This group included Nathan Elliff, Louis Nemzer, and others. According to Mamchur, he recalls nothing specific as to the pro-Soviet attitude of Nathan Elliff except his close and personal association with Nemzer who was his assistant. Elliff often belittled the informant's efforts to more rigidly enforce the Registration Act and definitely did not want the Act enforced. Elliff was a close friend of Nemzer in and out of the office and informant believes Nemzer had considerable influence over Elliff. He further stated Nemzer had referred to anyone who was anti-Soviet as a Fascist and continuously charged red baiting to any stand taken by persons criticizing Communists or pro-Communist activities.

According to the informant, Nemzer also charged red baiting to any anti-Communist activity and expressed displeasure with the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Both Elliff and Nemzer were heard to call House Committee members "those SOBs."

Interview with Elliff

The Springfield Office was instructed to interview Elliff on March 10, 1949 concerning his knowledge of Judith Coplon and to determine whether anyone had ever furnished him derogatory information relating to her.

He was interviewed on March 11, 1949 and advised that ~~presently~~ he was employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section when that Section was taken over by the Criminal Division, and that he had no information concerning her activities or associates either in or out of the office. He stated that when the Section was reduced in personnel, he reviewed her personnel file but did not recall any derogatory information contained therein. He stated that he knew his name appeared in the files of the House Un-American Activities Committee as a Communist. He received his information from Congressman Harold A. Velde by phone on March 6, 1949. He was also in telephonic communication with Mr. James McInerney, Mr. Dave Bookstaver and Alexander Campbell of the Department, as a result of which he has concluded that when Mamchur was dismissed from the Foreign Agents Registration Section, he went to the House Committee and gave the names of Elliff, Coplon, Bookstaver and Nemzer as being Communists.

Elliff concluded that Mamchur was motivated by revenge. Elliff recalled that the House Committee Investigator Russell had once asked him as Head of the Section for confidential files of the Department, which included FBI reports. Elliff refused the request and told Russell it would be placed before his superiors for their opinion. Russell was visibly upset, according to Elliff. Elliff wrote a memorandum referring the request to his superiors and discussed the situation personally with McInerney. Elliff was advised by Mr. Campbell of the Department last week that this memorandum has now been located and that the House Committee had retracted any statement

to the effect that Elliff was uncooperative and further admitted that Russell had never asked Elliff about Coplon.

Elliff stated he had told this same story to the Secretary of ~~the~~ Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois.

He further indicated that he could not recall any information concerning Coplon which should have made him suspicious of her, and emphasized that all during his employment with the Justice Department, security had been of prime importance to him.

**ACTION:**

None. The above is for your information.

SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

March 21, 1949

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Mr. Elbert H. Gray, Identification Division employee reported the following information concerning Judith Coplon:

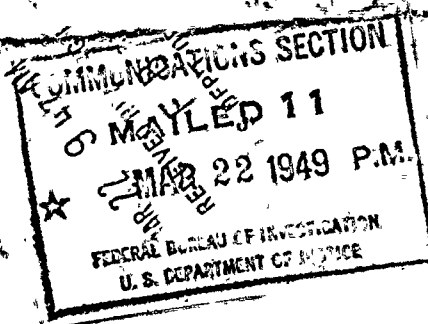
Mr. Gray lives at 1419 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W., in a rooming house owned by Mr. Franklin Whorton. The colored maid named Lillian (last name not known), who cleans this rooming house each day from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., told Mr. Gray, after seeing Miss Coplon's picture in the paper that she had known Miss Coplon previously.

Lillian said that she worked for a Mr. Marvin Tobise a few years ago when he lived in the vicinity of Mt. Alto Hospital and at that time Judith Coplon lived next door. Tobise became very friendly with Coplon and had reportedly obtained a job for her in some Government department. However, Miss Coplon declined to accept this position in order to accept a position in the Justice Department. (It is to be noted that this would be in error; however, it is possible that Coplon did not want to transfer to another Government position from the Justice Department.) Tobise at that time was also employed in a Government position. He is now living, according to Lillian, in San Francisco, California. Lillian also stated that she was cutting a picture of Miss Coplon out of one of the local newspapers and mailing it to Mr. Tobise just to remind or ask him if she wasn't the girl who lived next door to him a few years ago.

The Bureau's files do not reflect any information concerning Marvin Tobise. This information is being furnished to you for your information in connection with your current investigation of this matter.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TRACY

DATE: March 16, 1949

FROM : J. M. O'Connor *cc*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
Information Concerning

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
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Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
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Tele. Room	
Miss Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. Elbert H. Gray, Identification Division employee, reported the following information concerning Miss Judith Coplon who was recently arrested by Bureau Agents in New York City:

Mr. Gray lives at 1419 Rhode Island Avenue, Northwest, in a rooming house owned by Mr. Franklin Whorton. The colored maid named Lillian (last name not known), who cleans this rooming house each day from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., told Mr. Gray, after seeing Miss Coplon's picture in the paper, that she had known Miss Coplon previously.

Lillian said that she worked for a Mr. Marvin Tobise a few years ago when he lived in the vicinity of Mt. Alto Hospital and at that time Judith Coplon lived next door. Tobise became very friendly with Miss Coplon and had obtained Miss Coplon a job in a government department. However, Miss Coplon declined to accept this position in order to accept a position in the Justice Department. At that time, Tobise was also employed in the government. He is now living, according to Lillian, in San Francisco, California. Lillian also told our employee that she was cutting the picture of Miss Coplon out of one of the local newspapers and mailing it to Mr. Tobise just to remind or ask him if she wasn't the girl that lived next door to him a few years ago.

RECOMMENDATION: That this information be furnished to the Washington Field Office, through the Security Division.

cc - Washington Field Office

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. F. W. Waikart

FROM : Mr. Runaldue

SUBJECT: Judith Coplon;  
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DATE: March 28, 1949

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There are attached hereto photographs of the above named individuals which have been sent to the Records Section for filing in their respective files. This memorandum is written for the purpose of filing the photographs in the subjects appropriate file.

Judith Coplon - Photograph  
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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
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Mr. Glavin  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: March 28, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS.  
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Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Pennington ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Miss Nease ✓  
Miss Holmes ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

You will recall that after we instituted our investigation of Judith Coplon on December 30, 1948, we learned that Miss Coplon was

[redacted] We learned from physical surveillances that on January 7, 1949, [redacted] Coplon drove together in [redacted] automobile to Baltimore where they registered at the Southern Hotel as [redacted]. The following night they registered at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia as man and wife. On various other occasions, Miss Coplon remained overnight at [redacted] apartment at [redacted], according to physical surveillances conducted by the Washington Field Office. [redacted] was interviewed on March 5, 1949, at which time he admitted that he had [redacted] Coplon in his apartment at various times as well as on the trip to Baltimore and Philadelphia. [redacted] was reinterviewed on March 14, 1949, at which time a partially completed signed statement was obtained and at which time [redacted] refused to give any further information concerning his relations with Miss Coplon and declined to sign the portion already completed.

On the morning of March 21, 1949, [redacted] telephonically contacted an Agent of the Washington Field Office and stated that the Department had indicated that he was uncooperative by failing to sign a statement reflecting his relations with Judith Coplon. In view of the above, he stated he would like to sign the statement admitting his actions. He was given that opportunity and furnished a signed statement. The signed statement is being submitted to Mr. Peyton Ford for his information.

RECOMMENDATION:

A memorandum is attached transmitting two copies of a signed statement taken from [redacted] on March 22, 1949, to Mr. Peyton Ford.

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EDWIN O. RAUSCHER, DATED NOVEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTYNINE, AT SAN FRANCISCO  
IN THE CASE, ENTITLED JUDITH CLARA JURAVCOFF, WAS, SECURITY MATTER - R UNQUOTE.  
INFORMATION, AS TAKEN FROM THIS REPORT, WAS IN A DATA SHEET COPLON PLANNED ON  
PASSING TO GUBITCHEV WHEN ARRESTED ON MARCH FOUR, FORTYNINE. SHE HAD  
EXCERPTED THE INFORMATION CREDITED TO [ ] ON PAGE SIXTEEN OF THE  
REPORT. YOU SHOULD CONTACT [ ] AND EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT INFORMATION RECEIVED  
FROM HIM WILL PROBABLY BE USED AT THE TRIAL OF COPLON AND GUBITCHEV  
AND VERY POSSIBLY MAY BECOME PUBLIC. YOU SHOULD SUTEL YOUR RECOMMENDATION  
AS TO THE USE OF THE INFORMATION FROM [ ] AT THE TRIAL AND ITS EFFECT  
ON YOUR INVESTIGATION OF JURAVCOFF. YOU SHOULD ALSO INDICATE AS TO WHETHER  
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OFFICE, IN THE CASE ENTITLED QUOTE EUGENIO ZHAREZ, WAS, ESPIONAGE - R UNQUOTE.  
INFORMATION TAKEN FROM THIS REPORT WAS IN A DATA SHEET COPILOT PLANNED ON  
PASSING TO GUBITSHEV [REDACTED] WERE ARRESTED ON MARCH FOUR, [REDACTED]. SHE  
HAD EXERCISED THE [REDACTED] TO EP T - ONE ON PAGES ONE AND TWO  
OF THE REPORT. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SUTEL YOUR RECOMMENDATION  
WHETHER THIS REPORT CAN BE USED AT THE TRIAL AND WHETHER THE USE OF THIS  
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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. W. M. Ladd

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

SUBJECT: LOYALTY PROGRAM

DATE: March 15, 1949

At 12:30 p.m. this date, former Special Agent Walter Yeagley of ECA phoned and advised Mr. Whitson that there had been some conversations between General Clark and Director Paul Hoffman, with the result that Andrew Hoffman and Yeagley are going to the Department to confer with Peyton Ford and Mr. Clegg regarding employees of ECA involved in the Loyalty Program. Yeagley also mentioned that he did not know specifically what the Department had in mind. Yeagley mentioned recently in connection with the investigation of David Lasser, who is being considered for assignment to ECA, that the Department had been requested to advise whether the Workers Alliance was controlled by the Communists while Lasser was associated with it. A reply had been received from the Department over the signature of Mr. Peyton Ford which could be interpreted as stating that the Workers Alliance was controlled only after Lasser had severed connection with it. However, there were no initials on the Department's reply but he was calling it to our attention in case there might be a tie-in to the Coplon case; that is, that the research on the Workers Alliance might have been conducted by Coplon.

## ACTION:

This is for your information.

With regard to the Coplon case, it was noted that Washington Field is already conducting investigation as to the various assignments and types of work that Judith Coplon handled prior to her recent arrest.

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Mr. Payton Ford  
The Assistant to the Attorney General

March 8, 1949

Director, FBI

Attention: Mr. Raymond P. Whearty

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VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, was  
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There is attached hereto the report of Special Agent Thomas A. Mendenhall, dated March 8, 1949, at Washington, D. C., in connection with the above-captioned matter. In accordance with the request of Mr. Whearty, one copy of this report has been designated for Mr. T. J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General in New York City.

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JUDITH COPLON employed June 1943 to January 1945 Economic War Section, War Division, Dept. of Justice, NYC. Since January 16, 1945, she has been employed by the FARS, Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C., as political analyst. In such position she has been responsible for foreign nationality groups such as USSR, France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Yugoslavia, the Baltic States, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania and Greece; also left wing and Communist groups. Has had access to many FBI reports. Subject has stated she has fair understanding of Russian language acquired through school and self-study. Also understands French, German and Spanish. COPLON traveled to Europe 1948, reportedly for personal reasons. Summary of physical surveillances of COPLON set out. Among her contacts were HAROLD P. SHAPIRO, Department of Justice attorney, [redacted] Labor Department, and [redacted] State Department. Background information on associates and contacts set out. Results of interviews of associates and contacts conducted to date fails to establish that they possess any knowledge of Russian or Communist connections or activities on part of subject. Confidential Informant advised no unusual activity noted in subject's bank transactions. COPLON's typewriter obtained through issuance of search warrant and forwarded to FBI laboratory for comparison purposes.

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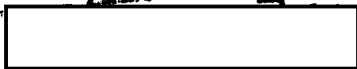
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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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PREDICATION

Investigation in this case is predicated upon information furnished by a reliable confidential informant to the effect that it is believed that JUDITH COPLON, an employee of the Department of Justice, was engaged in Russian espionage activities.

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~~SECRET~~EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF JUDITH COPLON

Washington T-1, an informant of known reliability, advised on January 19, 1949, that on October 18, 1948, Mr. NATHAN B. ~~LENNIN~~, as Attorney and Miss JUDITH COPLON as an Analyst, were responsible for the following countries and nationality groups in the Foreign Agents Registration Section: U. S. S. R., France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Yugoslavia, Baltic States, (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Finland), Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania, and Greece. In addition to these Miss COPLON was responsible for the left wing and Communist Groups.

Washington T-1 further advised on January 19, 1949, that JUDITH COPLON had in her possession an application for federal employment dated March 13, 1947, in which the subject indicated her desire to change employment for the reason of "no future for political analysts with Department of Justice". In this application she listed her immediate supervisor as Mr. DAVID ~~BOOKSTAV~~ER, Acting Chief, Foreign Agents Registration Section; gave as references Mr. LAWRENCE ~~KNAPP~~, attorney, 921 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., Mr. JESSE M. ~~MACKNIGHT~~, Assistant to Assistant Secretary BENTON, Department of State, Washington, D. C., and Mr. LOUIS ~~NEWZER~~, Political Analyst, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.; stated that she was at that time (March 13, 1947) working for an MA degree at American University, Washington, D. C., and that her chief graduate college subjects were: Contemporary International Relations with special reference to Russia and Russian History, International Law, International Organizations, and American Foreign Policy; rated herself with a good reading and fair understanding knowledge of Russian, having acquired this knowledge through a language school and self study; listed previous employment from June 1943 to January 1945 in New York City in the Economic Warfare Section, War Division, Department of Justice, as an "Expert" under Mr. ROBERT ~~WOHLFORTH~~, Chief. A description of this work was given as preparing target bombing reports, cartel studies and surveys on the International Ramifications of Axis Industry, involving general research, report writing, interviewing informants and making file searches of various industrial firms. Subject gave her present position, starting January 16, 1945, in Washington, D. C., as a Political Analyst, Foreign Agents Registration Section, Criminal Division, describing her work as political analysis (research, report writing, contact with other government agencies, conferences with registrants) in the Yugoslav, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Belgium, Swiss, and Latin American fields.

Washington T-1 further advised on January 19, 1949, that JUDITH COPLON had in her possession a United States Civil Service Form 57,

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"Application for Federal Employment" dated January 16, 1946, in which she indicated a fair reading, speaking and understanding knowledge of French, Russian, German and Spanish. In this application she listed as references, in addition to those previously mentioned in an Application for Federal Employment dated March 1947: DAVID BOOKSTAVER, Attorney, Department of Justice; SYDNEY BRODIE, Attorney, Department of Justice; and ROBERT WOHLFORTH, Economic Advisor, Department of Justice.

In this Civil Service Form she stated that she was a Political Analyst, Foreign Agents Registration Section, under JESSE M. MacKNIGHT, Chief, Analysis Unit, and that she was in charge of the French, Belgium, and Czechoslovak sections in the Analysis Unit of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, and also performed special projects in the British Field and that her work involved research analysis, letter and report writing, and liaison with other Government agencies.

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FOREIGN TRAVEL OF JUDITH COPLON

The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect that Passport No. 204249 was issued on May 7, 1948, to JUDITH COPLON for travel to France, Great Britain, Italy, and Switzerland for touring purposes. The subject stated in her passport application, which she executed at Washington, D. C. on May 5, 1948, that she was born May 17, 1921, at Brooklyn, New York; that her occupation was that of Political Analyst, and her permanent residence was 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. She further stated that her father, SAMUEL M. COPLON was born at Troy, New York on March 31, 1880, and is now residing at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

The subject stated that she intended to leave the United States from the port of New York on May 27, 1948, and that she intended to return to the United States within six weeks. One DORIS E. WRIGLEY of 828 Gebhart Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey, executed an affidavit on May 5, 1948, in which she knew her to be a United States citizen. In this application, the subject is described as being five feet in height, with brown hair, brown eyes, and no distinguishing marks or features.

Also included in these records is a copy of the subject's birth certificate issued by the Department of Health, Bureau of Records and Statistics, City of New York, which states that according to Birth Record Number 19563, filed in the Brooklyn Office of this Bureau on May 20, 1921, JUDITH COPLON, female, was born on May 17, 1921, in the City of New York.

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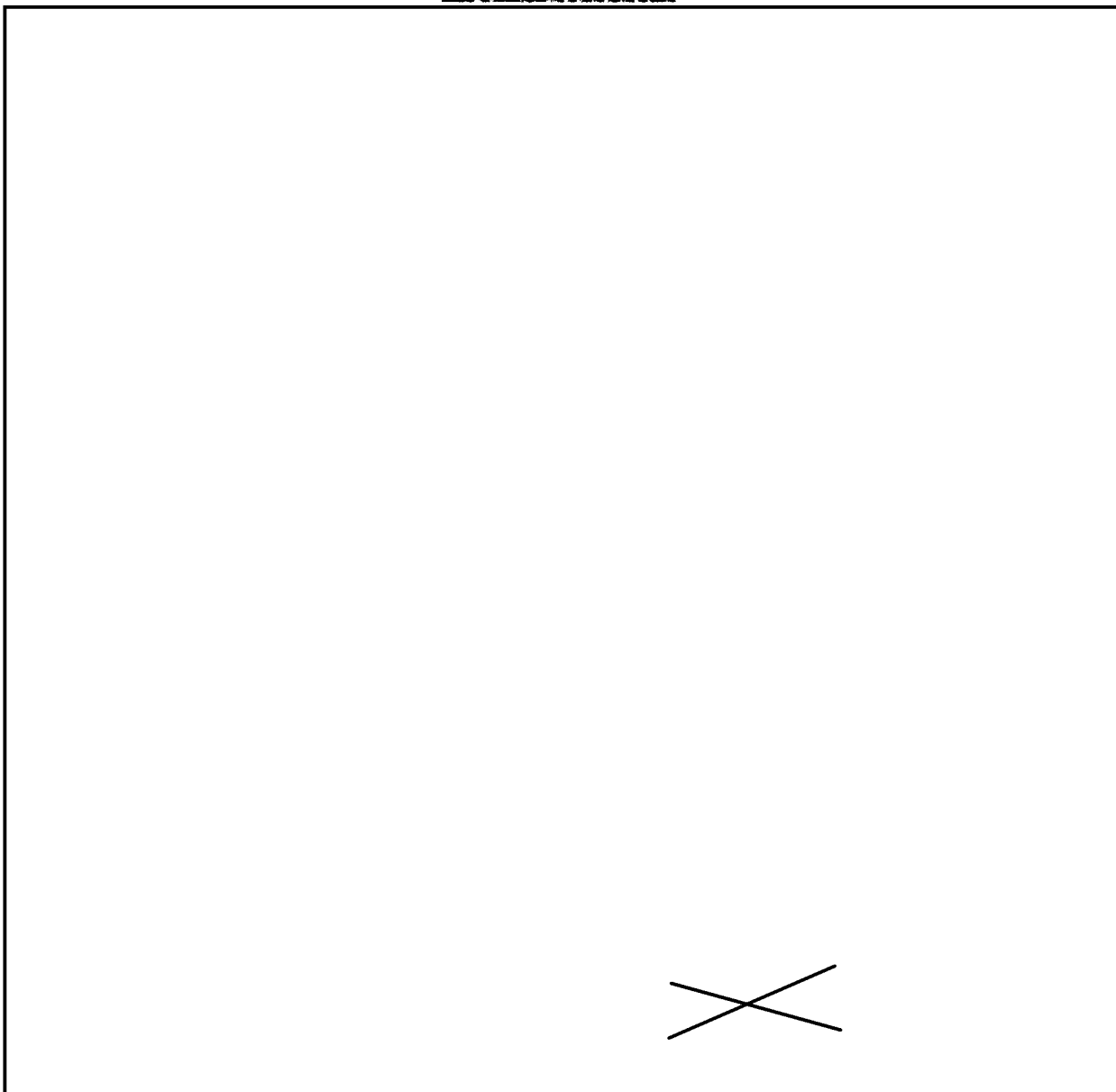
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There is no indication that the subject had previously been issued a passport and these records disclosed no further pertinent information concerning this individual.

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TO JUDITH COPLON

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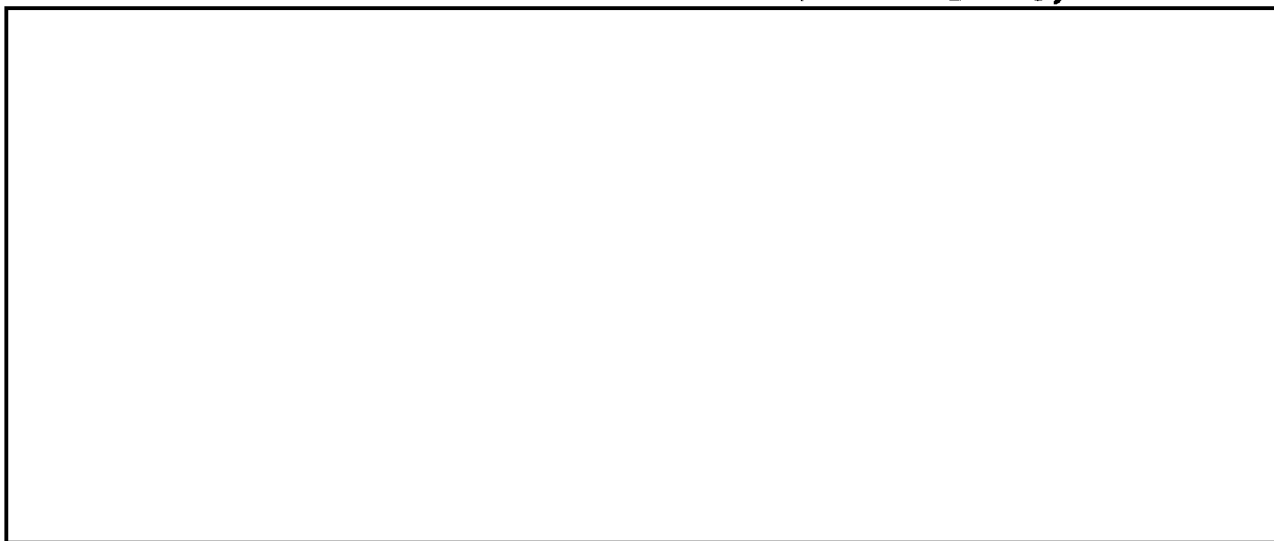
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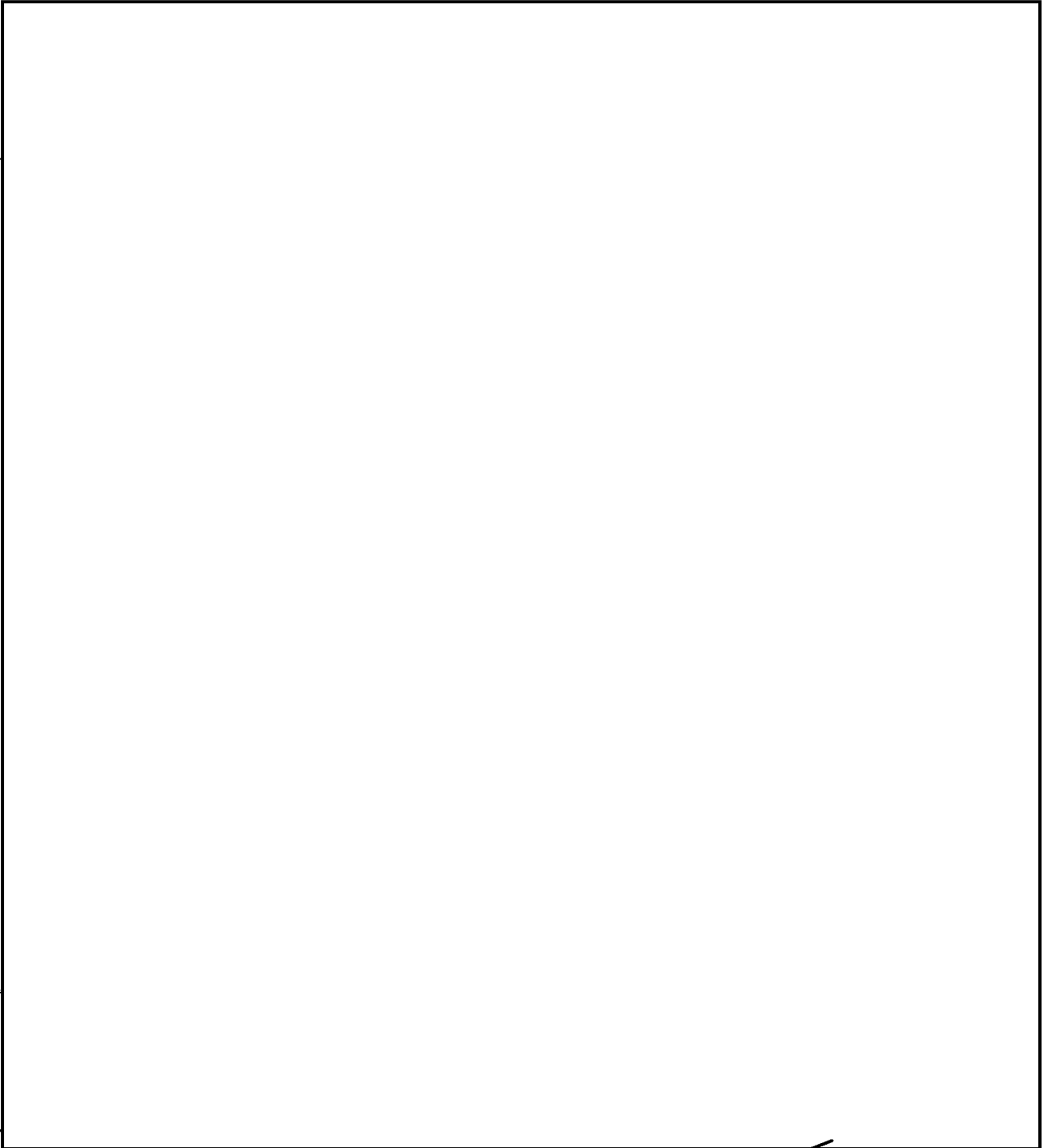
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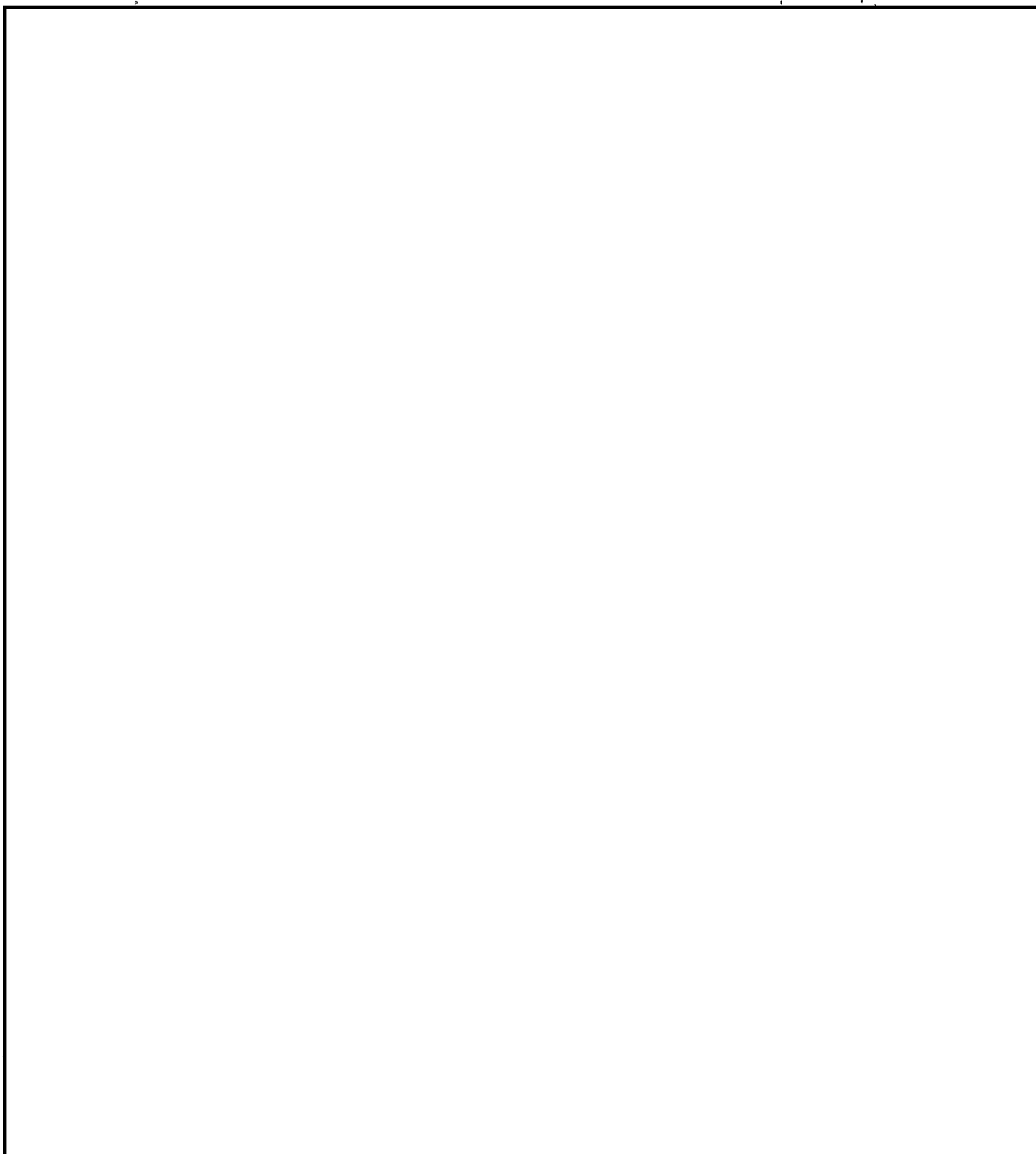


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PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCES OF  
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Surveillances were maintained of JUDITH COPLON by agents of the Washington Field Office on the following dates and the following activities were noted:

January 7, 1949

At 5:25 P.M., COPLON emerged from the Department of Justice Building and entered a 1946 black Plymouth sedan with white sidewall tires bearing current Connecticut license number BP-280.

On January 7, 1949, a teletype request was sent to the New Haven Office to obtain registration information concerning this license and New Haven replied on the same date that 1949 Connecticut automobile license number BP-280 was issued to HAROLD P. SHAPIRO, Main Street, New Hartford, Connecticut, for a black four-door 1946 Plymouth.

Information regarding HAROLD P. SHAPIRO appears in another section of this report.

At 5:35 P.M., COPLON and SHAPIRO were observed to park in the vicinity of 11th and M Streets, N.W. and enter apartment building at 1126 - 11th Street, N.W.

At 5:45 P.M., COPLON and SHAPIRO emerged from the above-mentioned apartment house, reentered the automobile and proceeded out M Street to Thomas Circle, then to Massachusetts Avenue to 17th Street, where surveillance was discontinued because of heavy and congested traffic.

January 8, 1949

On January 7, 1949, Washington T-3 advised that COPLON intended going to Philadelphia for the weekend with [REDACTED]

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At 7:05 P.M., COPLON left her residence at Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens Development, 3685 38th Street, N.W., and entered a [REDACTED] bearing 1949 [REDACTED] license number [REDACTED] which was parked on Rodman Street near the exit to COPLON'S residence, which automobile was occupied by an individual later identified as [REDACTED] an attorney in the Appellate Division of the Department of Justice.

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After driving around for some time, stopping at a service station, returning to subject's residence and having dinner at Mrs. Kay's Toll House Tavern, the subject and [ ] at 9:38 P.M. left the above-named restaurant and drove in the direction of Baltimore, Maryland.

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[ ] and COPLON, upon their arrival in Baltimore at 10:55 PM, parked in the vicinity of the Southern Hotel and immediately entered the Rainbow Room of this establishment.

At 11:30 P.M., [ ] of the Southern Hotel, made available to Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES and H. DUDLEY PAYNE, a registration card for [ ]

Connecticut, which card reflected that they were assigned room number 412 and that they had been registered by Clerk C. M. CONNERS, account number 3442, registration card G-4164, account dated January 7, 1949.

It was ascertained that [ ] car was driven to the Downtown Garage by a hotel attendant. His parking ticket number was 11167.

The surveillance was subsequently at this point turned over to the Baltimore Field Division but was discontinued at 9 A.M. on January 8, 1949.

By teletype of January 10, 1949, the Baltimore Field Division was requested to ascertain the check-out time of COPLON and [ ] from the Southern Hotel and were requested in the event hotel records reflected subject and her escort checked out on January 8, 1949 to set out a lead for the Philadelphia Office to determine if the same registration was made at the Bellevue Stratford there. It is noted that Washington T-3 advised on January 7, 1949 that COPLON was considering staying at the latter hotel.

By teletype dated January 12, 1949, the Baltimore Field Division advised that the individuals registered as [ ] at 11:16 P.M., January 7, 1949 and checked out at 8:01 P.M. on January 8, 1949.

Baltimore teletype advised that it had been determined that no phone calls were made by either the subject or Mr. SHAPIRO. This teletype also set out a lead for the Philadelphia Office to check registrations at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia under the names of [ ]

[ ] By teletype dated January 13, 1949, the Philadelphia Office advised that [ ]

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[redacted] Bellevue Stratford Hotel, produced records reflecting that [redacted] of [redacted] Connecticut, registered at the Bellevue Stratford 7:17 P.M., January 8, 1949 and checked out at 4:09 P.M., January 9, 1949. They occupied room 1523. No telephone calls were made by the occupants and the only charges on their bill were for room and restaurant services.

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Washington T-3 advised that the subject had returned to Washington, D.C. later in the day of January 9, 1949.

January 13, 1949

On January 10, 1949, confidential informant Washington T-3 advised that the subject had been in contact with one [redacted] and that she planned to have lunch with him on January 13.

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It is noted that Washington T-1 advised on February 10, 1949 that COPLON had a notation on the January 13, 1949 leaf of a calendar pad in her office, [redacted]

At 12:40 P.M., on instant date, subject left the Department of Justice Building, proceeded on foot to the S.W. corner of 14th and G Streets, at which location is situated the Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office. Just outside of this entrance she met a man described as 6' 1" in height; weight 170 pounds; age 25-30; hair brown, cut short; wearing light brown suit, brown shoes, brown and checked tie and eye glasses. This individual, who undoubtedly was [redacted] met the subject at 12:50 P.M., talked to her for approximately one minute and then left her and walked to the Hamilton National Bank located at 619 14th Street, N.W.

The subject walked slowly south on 14th Street, window shopping until 12:57 P.M., when she again met [redacted] at 14th & F Street entrance of Garfinkel's Department Store. They entered this store and after subject made a purchase of what appeared to be a set of men's cuff links, returned to the sidewalk and after viewing merchandise on display in the show windows, re-entered the store. At this point, because of security reasons, the surveillance was discontinued. It should be pointed out that Garfinkel's Department Store contains a cafeteria.

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After [ ] had left the Hamilton National Bank, Special Agent JOHN CAVADINE immediately contacted bank teller W. L. SANDERSON, who exhibited a check which [ ] had just deposited. This check was numbered 30490, dated January 7, 1949; was drawn on the Fifth Avenue Office of the Guaranty Trust Company, New York, Fifth Avenue and 49th Street; payable to [ ] and issued by the "New Republic," 40 East 49th Street, New York City.

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It is noted that Special Agent CAVADINE at the time that the subject and [ ] met on the corner of 14th and G Streets, N.W., prior to his going to the bank, observed [ ] stuffing what appeared to be a business size, white envelope into his pocket which may have been given him by COPLON, although the transfer from her to him was not actually observed.

It is further pointed out that Washington T-3 advised on January 10, 1949, that [ ] had indicated that he was working on a "column" and that he intended going to New York over the weekend of January 19 and 20 as there was a story in New York "brewing" which he intended writing. The possibility therefore exists that the subject at this meeting furnished [ ] with some material from the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice.

Further information concerning [ ] is in another section of this report.

January 14, 1949

A surveillance was instituted by Special Agents THOMAS A. MENDENHALL and H. DUDLEY PAYNE and HAROLD W. BRUEGGEMAN at the Union Station and at 12:45 P.M., the subject was located on the Pennsylvania train leaving Washington for New York at 1:00 P.M. Agents PAYNE and MENDENHALL boarded the train and continued the surveillance to New York City.

The New York Office was telephonically advised that COPLON occupied coach No. 3911 of train #176 of the Pennsylvania railroad and was requested to place her under physical surveillance upon her arrival.

At 4:45 P.M., subject left the train at the Pennsylvania Station at New York City and entered the station, where surveillance was taken up by agents of the New York Office.

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It should be noted that HAROLD SHAPIRO was in the company of the subject when she was first observed on the train. He, however, left the train prior to its departure from Washington, D.C. and the subject was alone during the trip to New York City.

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January 19, 1949

At 12:10 P.M. on instant date, subject walked out of the 10th Street court entrance of the Department of Justice Building. She walked one half block to the corner of 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, where she was joined by HAROLD SHAPIRO. While SHAPIRO remained at the corner of 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, subject crossed over to the City Bank on the north east corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 10th Street. At 12:20 P.M. COPLON returned to the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 10th Street, and she and SHAPIRO caught a cab proceeding over Pennsylvania Avenue to the Union Station. At 12:27 P.M., subject and SHAPIRO entered Union Station and after stopping to make a purchase at a station news stand, continued to the entrances to trains. At 12:40 P.M., subject and SHAPIRO boarded Pennsylvania train #176, proceeded to car #1657, and occupied seats in the middle of the car. Special Agents JOE R. CRAIG and JOHN O. CAVADINE boarded this train and continued the surveillance to New York City, where they were met by New York agents at the Pennsylvania Station and turned this surveillance over to them.

January 30, 1949

On January 25, 1949, <sup>Mrs.</sup> [redacted] Washington T-2, advised that [redacted] previously mentioned in this report, had invited COPLON and SHAPIRO to dinner at 5:30 P.M. on January 30, 1949.

At 4:40 P.M. on instant date, surveillance commenced at [redacted], Virginia.

It was observed that [redacted] resided in apartment [redacted] at this address. At 5:25 P.M., JUDITH COPLON was driven by HAROLD SHAPIRO to this address and after parking, both entered the building where the [redacted] reside. Insofar as it could be ascertained, there were no other visitors at the [redacted] apartment.

January 31, 1949

At 8:05 P.M., [redacted] drove to the Rodman

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